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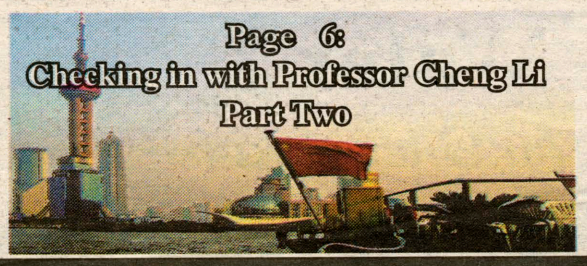

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Hamilton To Eliminate Merit Scholarships:

Will First Affect The Class of 2012

PHOTO BY LAUREN MOON '09

The "wallet" is scheduled to run dry for merit-based financial aid in the fall of 2008 on the Hill.

by Emily Poe '10
News Editor

When the next pool of applicants applies to Hamilton this year, there will be a noticeable difference in the application process: no merit scholarships.

Hamilton has decided to eliminate the merit scholarship program in order to provide more need based aid to its' students in the coming years.

"The simple truth is that we run out of financial aid dollars before we run out of students we'd like to admit," said Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer.

" To not be able to admit students because they have financial need and turn around and give that money to those who don't no longer seems to be in the best interest of Hamilton or our students."

The merit scholarship program has been offered at Hamilton for the last ten years in order to help the college attract possible students.

And, as the prospective students have changed from those looking at Hamilton over a decade ago, so will the incentives.

"Hamilton and colleges like it are expensive. Financial assistance can influence

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Trustee Election Brings In Three New Members

by Martin Connor '09
Editor-in-Chief

On Friday March 23 the Hamilton Alumni Association announced the results of this year's Alumni Trustee Election. Nancy Roob '87 (with 2312 votes), Torrence D. Moore '92 (with 2182 votes), and George D. Baker, Jr. '74 (with 2167 votes) won the election.

Each year Hamilton College Alumni elect three of their own to serve a four-year term as Alumni Trustees.

The Nominations Committee of the Alumni Council considers around 60 potential candidates, from which a slate of three are chosen and recommended to the Alumni Council.

Candidates can also be nominated by petition, in which event an election by ballot must follow. If no candidates are nominated by petition, the three candidates selected by the

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Hamilton Mock Trial Team Places Fourth Out of 64 Teams in National Competition

by Bessie Taliaferro '10
News Writer

On March 17 and 18, Hamilton's Mock Trial team competed at the national competition in Chicago, Illinois. The team placed fourth out of 64 teams.

The competition consisted of individual trials between two teams, and in these trials Hamilton defeated Spellman College, Bowling Green University and the University of Cincinnati. They lost only to Penn State University, which ultimately placed second overall.

Hamilton's team, which included Michael Blasie '07, Joshua Agins '07, Scott Iseman '07, Stacy Sadove '07, Stuart Lombardi '09, Larry Allen '09, Wenxi Li '10, and Alia Rehman '10, proudly celebrated its biggest victory in the team's five years of existence.

Jean-Marie Westlake, an attorney from Syracuse who also coaches the Syracuse Law School Moot Court Team, coached the 20 devoted members of the Hamilton Mock Trial Team.

Practice frequently lasted up to six hours a week, but participants attend with enthusiasm.

"I've loved every moment of it," said Wenxi Lee '10.

Prior to each competition, the team received a full 200 page case, which included witness affidavits, case law, rules of evidence, and evidence.

During each competition, each team participated in four trials and argued twice for the plaintiff and twice for the defense. Six team members participated; three as attorneys and three as witnesses.

Each trial lasted about two hours long, and real attorneys and judges presided.

After participating in tournaments at the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University, the team had a record of 3-4-1.

The team had an impressive five wins and only three losses

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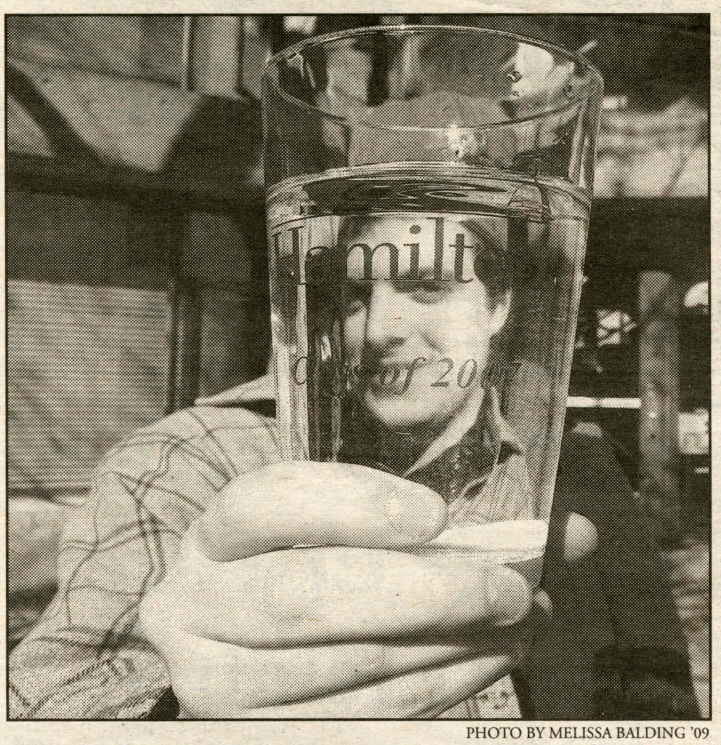
The National Mock Trial Competition was held in Chicago, Illinois.

What's In The Water ?

Water On The Hill Is Clean Once Again



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High Trihalomethane levels were to blame for last year's water contamination.

by Amanda Jordan '10
News Writer

You drink it, you bathe in it, and you brush your teeth with it, but is the water really clean?

As you may know, Hamilton College received a citation in the fall of 2005 for exceeding the maximum contamination level for trihalomethanes.

Trihalomethanes are disinfectant byproducts produced from the reaction of organic material, such as decaying vegetation, with chlorine used to treat the water.

Even though chlorine creates these byproducts, it is still used because of its effectiveness at killing viruses and bacteria in the water.

The concentration levels for trihalomethanes are caused by the temperature, concentrations and justation times of both the organic material and the chlorine in the water.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) set the maximum allowable annual average level of total trihalomethanes in the drinking water to 80 parts per billion, effective since December 2003.

Before this regulation, the EPA set the standard level for trihalomethanes at 100 parts per billion.

The trihalomethanes included in the annual average level of total trihalomethanes are chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform.

High concentration levels of trihalomethanes in drinking water may have health effects.

For example, many trihalomethanes are considered carcinogenic.

However, according to Steve Bellona, the Associate Vice President for Facilities and Planning, "during the period [we] were not in compliance, the water continued to be safe for consumption."

Since the fall of 2005, the Physical Plant at Hamilton has worked closely with the local water authority, the Mohawk Valley Water Authority, in order to solve the contamination problem. Specifically, Physical Plant has aimed to decrease the level of organic material in the water and the storage time of the water.

These efforts helped to reduce the levels for trihalomethanes in the water and lowered temperatures over the past six months.

In order to prevent further contamination of Hamilton's water, Physical Plant plans to continue to work with the Mohawk Valley Water Authority to reduce the level of organics introduced into the water system at the Hinckley Reservoir.

In addition, the Mohawk Valley Water Authority is improving their filtering systems in order to decrease the levels of byproduct to the water they sell to Hamilton, as well as within their own system.

The Physical Plant at Hamilton also plans to install a header system in the college's water tank in order to increase circulation in the tank and to lessen the time that the water will be stored in the system.

At this time, Physical Plant also plans to continue increased testing of the system to monitor any significant changes in the presence of trihalomethanes. So drink up, Hamiltonians!

Curling Team Takes D5 Title

by Laura Trubiano '07
Senior Editor

The Hamilton Curling Team took the Division 5 National Championship at the National College Curling Tournament, held March 16-18 at the North Shore Curling Club in Chicago.

Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli organized the curling team in September.

The team is made up of five members of the class of 2009, Dave Hamilton (skip), Tom Irvin (vice), Katherine Alser (lead), Yuqi Mao (second) and Victoria Jenkins.

None of the teammates had any experience with curling at the beginning of the year. They spent the first semester learning and practicing the game at the Utica Curling Club where members of the Club helped to coach them.

This semester, the Hamilton team practiced in games against Colgate University.

According to the College Curling USA website, curling is played on a level sheet of ice with two teams of four people.

Each player slides two stones toward the *house* (target), a 12 foot circle at the far end of the ice. Stones can be placed anywhere beyond the further hog line and stones can be removed by another stone (a *takeout*.) An *end* (inning) is complete when all 16 stones are played.

A game usually consists of eight or ten ends. Only the team whose stone is closest to the center of the house scores for that end.

The scoring team receives one point for each stone that is closer to the house's center than the closest opposing stone.

The team received funding from Hamilton and traveled to Chicago for the National Tournament over spring break.

40 teams from 27 colleges and universities competed.

The tournament was set up in a round-robin style, Hamilton played three games the first day, winning against the University of Denver 5-3 and Concordia University 10-1 and losing to the Colorado School of Mines 4-5.

This was enough to win the pool and move on to the final round against a second University of Denver team, against which Hamilton won 9-7.

"[The tournament] was a great experience," said Irvin. "It was really unbelievable to be out there on the ice and to be able to say that we're national champions. [Curling] is not something I would have started without this club…I'm looking forward to going back next year."

The Curling season for this year ended with the tournament, but the team plans to pick up where they left off in the fall and recruit more members.

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Ten years ago in 1997 Hamilton College instituted a merit-based financial aid program that has provided 15-20 incoming students per year with up to a half tuition merit scholarship. The reason for this program's implementation is no enigma: the advantages are easily perceived from both the College's perspective and that of the students who benefit from the program. Nor do these two perspectives clash. Rather, the program facilitates a symbiotic relationship between student and college. A student who receives a merit scholarship from Hamilton benefits from the cut in tuition cost, and the College stands to benefit from that student's potential contribution to the Hamilton community, the value of which is manifest in that student's very qualification for a merit-based scholarship. In other words, Hamilton, like any school, implemented the merit scholarship program to provide financial incentive in order to attract students whose academic accomplishment might earn them a place in a school ranked higher than Hamilton. In turn the students who bite offer their aptitude and intelligence to Hamilton and its community, helping to improve Hamilton's rankings among its peers.

But this matter is extraneous now. Starting with the class of 2012, Hamilton will no longer offer non need-based financial aid. No more merit scholarships. Instead, the entirety of the funds that were previously allocated for merit scholarships will be used to provide financial aid for those who truly need it. Furthermore, Hamilton College is believed to be, according to Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Monica Inzer, "the first college or university in the U.S. to abandon its merit scholarship program." Bravo. Not only has Hamilton taken what many would call the moral high ground by diverting its merit scholarship funds to need-based financial aid, but it has taken this route of its own initiative and with no precedent among its peers as an influencing factor.

Now let's look at the numbers. Hamilton currently has a financial aid budget of $21 million. Yet the merit scholarship program is apportioned only five percent of these funds. Relative to the $35 million goal that the College's current capital campaign seeks to raise for student scholarship endowment and the $20 million already available, the mere $1 million this five percent constitutes seems marginal. The virtue in helping prospective students whose socio-economic conditions would otherwise prevent them from attending Hamilton is undeniable. But does the college hope to gain anything from this maneuver aside from an embrace of good principles? Probably. As Monica Inzer put it, "To not be able to admit students because they have financial need and turn around and give that money to those who don't no longer seems to be in the best interest of Hamilton or our students." This implies that it was once in the best interest of Hamilton and its students to divert money from those whose socio-economic background would restrict them from attending Hamilton and use that money to attract students who would bolster Hamilton's academic reputation. I prefer to think that Hamilton cultivates strong scholarship, not purchases it.

Yet there is a certain caveat that most of us have come to accept. Hamilton College is a highly competitive liberal arts school, and like all comparable schools, in order to provide its students with the best possible education it must never forget its competition. Undoubtedly the unprecedented discontinuation of non need-based financial aid will earn Hamilton College healthy publicity. But even if the mere $1 million does not benefit socio-economically disadvantaged students to the same degree that the publicity will benefit Hamilton, is the change worthwhile? It certainly would not be fair to criticize the administration for a decision that is sound in principle simply because Hamilton stands to benefit from the publicity. After all, in the highly competitive world of higher education such publicity will only stand to benefit the students. It will ensure that Hamilton can continue to offer an exemplary education. If you want to stay in the game you have to play ball.

by Martin E. Connor
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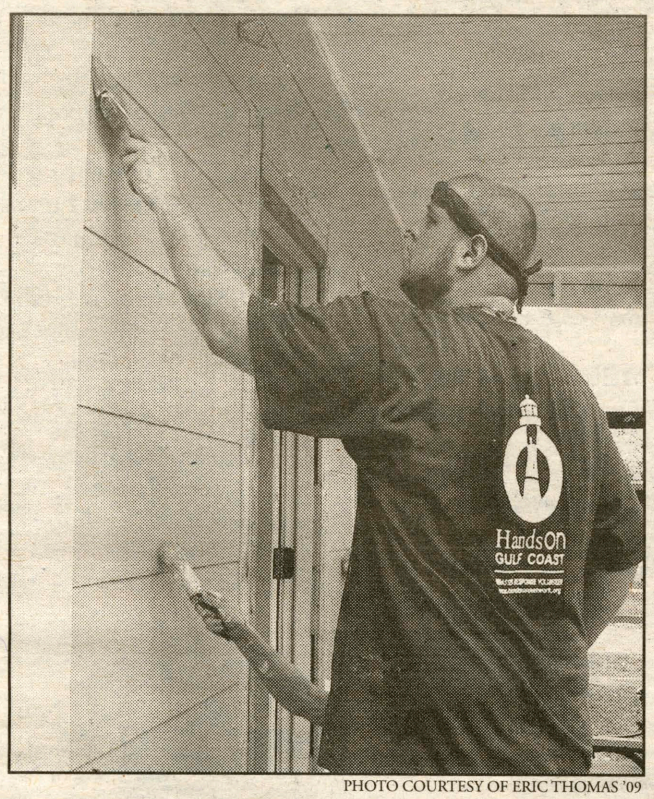

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Some Hamilton Students helped to rebuild houses on the Gulf Coast.

by Kara Labs '09
News Writer

For the past two weeks of spring break, 66 students had some fun in the sun. No, they did not travel to Cancun or the Bahamas.

However, they may still have needed the suntan lotion because these students traveled to six different southern states to participate in community service activities.

Four trips went to southern destinations for the first week of break (March 10-17), including Biloxi, Mississippi; Buras, Louisiana; Crossville, Tennessee and Burgaw, North Carolina.

The group that traveled to Biloxi worked with an organization called Hands on Gulf Coast to help rebuild homes damaged by Katrina and plant community gardens.

The trip to Buras performed various service activities such as gutting houses and volunteering at a soup kitchen.

The trip that traveled to Crossville did maintenance on Cumberland Trail and built new trails.

The group that traveled to Burgaw tutored students in the community.

Alternative Spring Break Coordinator Danna Klein '07, said of her experience, "My trip went really well. I went to Burgaw, NC. We volunteered at an elementary school with third graders. We all had a very meaningful experience and had a very hard time leaving the kids."

Two trips traveled south the second week of break (March 17-24), one to the Land Between the Lakes Natural Recreation Area in Kentucky and the second to Franklin, West Virginia.

The first trip helped get the facilities up and running for the upcoming tourist season, and helped with repairs on a farm and worked at the environmental education center.

The second trip to Franklin worked in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity to help build houses for the community. Kristin Webster '09 said of her experience with Habitat, "It was amazing. We had so much fun and it did not feel like community service. Our group was great and we definitely felt the community's gratitude. I would go back in a heartbeat."

Overall, the trips were a huge success once again and everyone who volunteered looks forward to next year. ASB is sponsored by the student-run organization Hamilton Action Volunteer Outreach Coalition (HAVOC), which provides community service to the Oneida community.

Mock Trial Hopes To Continue Winning Tradition

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From Left to Right: Larry Allen '09, Stuart Lombardi '09, Wenxi Li '10, Joshua Agins '07, Micheal Blasie '07, Stacy Sadove '07, Alia Rehman '10, and Scott Iseman '07.

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at the regional competition in Syracuse, qualifying them for the national competition.

"We were so excited when we qualified for nationals from the regional tournament," says Stacy Sadove '07. "When we went to regionals my sophomore year we didn't qualify right away. This was an outright win."

Half of the teams in the national competition were in Hamilton's division.

The team argued a civil case about murder and constitutional rights.

Despite much hard work and preparation, the team did not go in with high hopes.

"We did not expect to even place in the top ten," says Sadove.

It was their preparation, coaching and individuality that separated them from other teams.

"We had strong leadership and dedicated coaching," said Stuart Lombardi '09. "We weren't stiff, we weren't boring...we let our personality shine through."

Overall, it was winning with friends that truly made the experience.

"Our team is so close knit and to win [fourth place] with these people was just incredible," said Sadove.

"We are all friends on the team and off, and it made it an even greater victory to win with your friends," she added.

Seniors on the team are sad to leave, but they are confident that the rising underclassmen will only build on their past achievements in years to come.

The Mock Trial Team's trophy is currently on display in the Dean of Students' Office.

Roob, Moore and Baker To Join Trustee Board

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Nominations Committee of the Alumni Council are elected by default.

This year the Alumni council nominees were Roob, Moore and Baker.

Two additional candidates were nominated by petition, Ben S. Wu '73 and Peter D. Brown '73, forcing a ballot vote for the third year in a row.

The election was managed by the independent firm Elections USA, which oversaw the mailing of paper ballots with information on the candidates to all of the Alumni of Hamilton College.

Each Alumnus/a was allowed approximately 30 days to cast three votes for any of the five nominated candidates or a write-in candidate of his or her choice.

A total of 3,638 ballots, constituting about 20 percent of alumni, were returned by mail by the March 20 deadline. Candidates Wu and Brown received 1837 and 1497 votes, respectively.

"The three candidates who were elected will do an excellent job of representing Hamilton alumni," said Hamilton College President Joan Hinde Stewart. "I'm eager to begin working with them on behalf of the College."

"Roob, Moore and Baker will join the Hamilton College Board of trustees, effective July of this year.

Hamilton Aims To Offer More Need Based Aid

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a family's choice of college, regardless of income," said Inzer.

Currently, Hamilton is working to raise over 35 million dollars in student scholarship aid.

Although moving to more need -based financial aid, there are still some doubts as to its overall impact.

"We do not believe that reallocating the dollars will have any notable negative impact. Moving the money toward need based aid will allow us to continue to honor our commitment to meet the full-demonstrated need of all admitted students," said Inzer.

Hamilton College President Joan Hinde Stewart said, in light of the recent merit scholarship elimination, "we're proud of our principled stance on financial aid. This move will help ensure that Hamilton remains a college of opportunity."

Stewart and her senior staff continue to evaluate resources and the budget, in order to find more money for financial aid funds.

Hamilton has been attracting increasingly stronger students over the past decade and expects that trend to continue, even without merit scholarships.

Average SATs for admitted students to the Class of 2011 reached 1400 and 84 percent of that group ranked in the top ten ten percent of their high school class.

Additionally, applications for the class that will enroll this fall increased by 16% to an all-time high of 4962.

With the new financial aid setup, Hamilton hopes to continue these trends for years, and even decades, to come.

Congratulations to Watson Foundation Fellowship Winner Caitlin Jacobs '07

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Jacobs is a biology major at Hamilton.

Caitlin Jacobs was recently awarded the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship for '07-'08 for her project entitled"An Examination of the Coexistence of Big Cats and Humans."

Jacobs was one of 179 students from 50 of America's most prestigious liberal arts colleges to compete for the fellowship.

The scholarship gives $25,000 to each fellow and allows them to travel outside the U.S. for a year of independent study.

Jacobs is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, a Dean's list student, and a member of the women's varsity lacrosse team.

Congratulations to the Hamilton 2007-2008 Barry M. Goldwater Scholars

Marco Allodi '08

Kristin Alongi '08

Dan Campbell '08

The SA Update

A biweekly report on the Hamilton College Student Assembly

This week the SA is proud to announce:

-The Food Committee is continuing efforts to get simple, continental breakfasts in McEwen on the weekend.

-Planning for our campus swipe card system continues. A representative from the Facilities Committee will travel with faculty to Hartwick College to look at their campus swipe card system.

-The Battle of the Bands, organized by the Student Interest Committee, is April 11. If you are interested in playing, e-mail emsmith by noon on Saturday.

-The Diversity & Accessibility Committee is hosting a Lockheed Martin workplace ethics workshop in ELS at 2 p.m. on April 7. E-mail rnarula if you are interested in attending.

-Spring on the Hill, organized by the Social Traditions Committee, is 12-4 p.m. on April 29.

-Class President elections are on the 18. Other class officer elections are on the 25. Check your e-mail or e-mail election@hamilton.edu for more information.

-As always, the weekly minutes contain more detailed news.

Yours,

Stuart Lombardi

President of the Student Assembly

Checking in with Cheng Li: Part II

by Eric Kuhn '09
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Professor Cheng Li is currently on leave working for the Brookings Institution. This is the second part of his interview with Eric Kuhn.

What do you miss about Hamilton while you are in DC?
The tranquility of the place and the comradeship of colleagues and the close contact with students. Washington is very busy with meetings after meetings and travel trips. I have a very tight schedule. I was in New York last night, yesterday I was in Connecticut, three days ago I was in Germany, Switzerland, and China. I am going to India and China and Europe again. Almost half of the week, I am always traveling. Next week I will be in Florida, Wednesday in Stanford and Friday in Pennsylvania for talks.

How many languages do you speak?
I studied lots of foreign languages, but only two: English and Chinese.

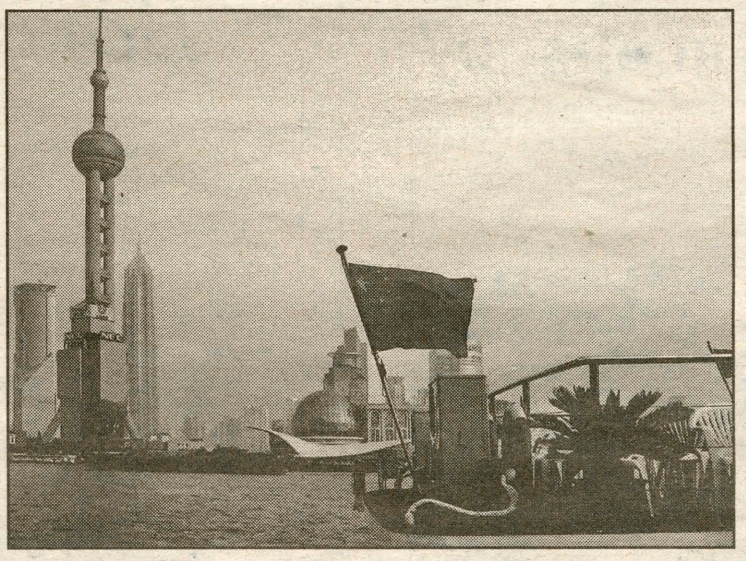
You are so well respected in this field. Is there anything you wish you had learned when you were starting out?
I wish I had a Hamilton education. You need to write well and speak concisely. When I grew up in China, I did not have a formal education until I was 25 years old because of the Cultural Revolution. I wish I had a solid undergraduate education. You are so privileged! But as a tradeoff, I have real-life experience.

Is there a part of China that you miss?
Well of course I miss my other home. I consider Clinton, N.Y. my home, but also Shanghai is quite different. Shanghai is one of the largest cities in the world and one of the most dynamic cities in the world. There are 5,000 skyscrapers that were built during the past decade or so. I think it is the most futuristic city in the world.

What do you like doing in Washington when not working?
Well there are so many good museums and good art galleries in the area. I am interested in the art because one of the books I am writing is [about] avant-garde artists in China. But I am so busy with all these meetings. People will probably find it hard to imagine this busy life schedule. Of course at Hamilton we are busy, but here it is measured by half-an-hour, 15 minutes. Business has kept me away from doing other things.

What do you think is America's biggest misconception about China?
This is a very good question – it is a difference in layers. The biggest misconception, which is not entirely wrong, is we fail to see the complexities, the paradox involved any conception. For example, our policy makers always think China is the enemy. Yes and no. No – because China at this point does not have any will or capacity to challenge the United States. Yes – because if you treat China as an enemy, sooner or later it will become the enemy. Also, China has become increasingly powerful. Of course it will not happen next year, not even five years, but maybe in 20 to 25 years. So the answer is it is not that simple yes or no, it depends on a lot of things. Our self righteousness also reinforces China going in a direction we don't want them to. But in reality we push them in that direction. That is a paradox and misconception. My point is nothing is inevitable, it depends on other factors, unpredictable factors, demographic trends, whether leaders of a country or countries can make right policies.

What do you think is the biggest misconception from the Chinese looking into America?
I think it also has different layers. I think that the largest misconception is that people believe the United States wants to put China down. Well, of course some people want to put China down. If you look at the world in a zero-sum game, of course we don't want to see a very strong China. But you look at the alternative: do we want to see a chaotic China? Is that the best interest for the United States? Also no. There is a complexity involved. Also, with that type of view...people fail to see that America is a diversified place and people have different views. We miss the point that a lot of people have good will and good intentions and [are] smart enough to know that it is too late to put China down and to make China chaotic is against our best will. You have two good questions, but the answer I put really tells us the complexities involved



Shangai, Professor Cheng Li's hometown

Some would accuse the Bush administration and maybe Americans in general of seeing the world in black and white –
That is a problem. This is what our education should avoid, this kind of black and white thinking. I grew up in a period where China always saw things as black and white and there was a huge cost. Also, they thought other people were evil and demonized certain groups and countries. I grew up in that period. But to a certain extent, China has changed. I deeply worry about our foreign policy with that kind of thinking. It is very destructive.

Any final thoughts?
I think that the twenty-first century has many important issues, AIDS, environmental degradation, poverty in Africa, nuclear proliferation, but no relationship is more important than the Chinese relationship. As I said earlier on, the world is in the midst of major geopolitical and economic shift. This shift characterized with the rise of China, India, Asia, will have a profound impact for the future world. This is a shift compatible with the rise of Europe in the seventeenth century and the rise of America in the late nineteenth and twentith centuries. Now this in our education should also prepare our students for the new challenges, dynamics, and new opportunities.

Professor Li – thank you very much for your time and insight.
I hope your article will make complicated things simpler!

Thumbs up

- **Women's Lacrosse: Fourth-ranked SUNY Cortland loses to Hamilton 12-10. I thought dumb people were supposed to be good at sports....**

- **Hamilton appears in the national news for our dedication to attracting economic diversity in new class years. Supposedly we will be replacing KJ with a shipyard to house all those old, old wooden ships.**

- **Medieval studies lecture about green babies comes with complementary refreshments and tabs of acid.**

- **The snow thaws. But what's going to keep the Bundy kids in Bundy now?**

Thumbs down

- **Yo, Howard. How you gunna shrink my buns like that?**

- **Whoever set the Dark Side fire alarms to Nazgul?**

- **If I have learned anything from Carson Daly, it is that just because spring break is over, it doesn't mean you can get fat again...You have to wait for Tara Reid to dump you to do that.**

- **The Continental receives funding. We'd be angry, but to be fair, we do need to know what's hot for spring at Hamilton. Our bet: polo shirts and resume padding.**

by Stephen Allinger '09 & Tyler Zink '07

Who cares

- **Women's "Herstory" Month: It's that time of month... all month.**

- **As a stupid 20 year old white male, the development of need-based scholarships at Hamilton will affect me even less than merit-based scholarships already don't.**

- **We have the best Division 900 curling team in the region, proving that winning can be losing.**

- **Who knows what will happen when the Housing Lottery comes? Let's see. All the loser hippies will go to the dark side, all the sophomores without friends will be stuck in Bundy (for good reason), and all the aggressive jocks will break things in Dunham.**

Letters to the Editor

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to the pair of articles: "Two Senior Columnists Sound-off on Hamilton's Relationships and Share Thoughts on Cheating" of the March 2, 2007 issue. The articles, while addressing an issue of unchallenged concern, failed to provide a balanced perspective. Ms. Eileen Starrett stops far short of even mildly chiding those who cheat, presenting us only with what are clearly only her personal opinions and laissez-faire attitude that essentially everyone can do what they want. This passive journalism is irresponsible, especially when it is paired with an article as obnoxious as Mr. Matt Bradley's. I seek here to rebut Mr. Bradley's arguments and provide a more balanced dialogue on the issue of cheating.

Mr. Bradley's article is flawed in exactly the opposite manner as Ms. Starrett's. Far from not passing judgment, Mr. Bradley completely abandons the idea of journalistic integrity and advocates an extremely sexist perspective. A mistake recurrent throughout the article is Mr. Bradley's continual generalizations of his feelings as those of "all males." He is also consistent in his demeaning of women and continual inferences to male superiority. Does Mr. Bradley somehow believe that college age males are drastically more mature than females or is his language a clear indication that he writes with an overt gender bias?

Striving to get past the bias in Mr. Bradley's article the reader then is set back again when actually confronted with the arguments. Cheating is first justified as a means for "a man" to "end a current relationship that obviously does not fulfill his physical and emotional needs." This is a load of bull for two reasons: first and foremost it is not a valid way to end a relationship. If a relationship is over it should be ended, period. Just because one wishes a relationship were over doesn't mean it is - this isn't elementary school where a significant other is avoided until everyone can pretend that you never held hands at recess.

I would also note in passing Mr. Bradley's disturbing suggested reasons for wanting to end the relationship – seeing the "uglier, more honest side of his girlfriend." I wonder that our author thinks it truly horrible that a significant other would trust him with his/her feelings. I was also quite surprised to find that Mr. Bradley viewed the "partner's personality shining through" as a negative aspect of a relationship.

One should not be in a relationship if sex is the only goal. Physical intimacy is great, but it's not what makes up a relationship, it's what makes up a Saturday night hook-up. When our venerable author mentions "a man... unable to give up the comfort of a long-term relationship" he speaks of a man who wants more sex, but not at the expense of whatever he's getting now. A relationship is exactly what Mr. Bradley seems to fear, an acceptance and cherishing of a partner's inner personality: their "honest side." Perhaps this inner person has a few quirks, but this is what you love them for, not what you leave them for.

Perhaps the most outrageous part of the article though is Mr. Bradley's appeal to human beings' animalistic desires as an excuse for cheating. Yes indeed humans, as we learned in Intro Psych, have ingrained basic drives: Fight and Flight, Feeding, and Ffff – reproduction. To say that this is the extent of what humans should achieve is to sell our entire species miserably short. It is our capacity to think and reason (and read newspapers) which sets us apart from the baser animals. It is only a fool who would forgo the higher pleasures of which humans are capable in exchange for base physical pleasure. And to say that these urges are uncontrollable is patently false. No moral person, man or woman, is subject to their every desire.

We then come to Mr. Bradley's advice to all his readers. He begins saying that "cheating is never okay," yet by the end of the article rescinds this view suggesting that "cheating is what you do until you find that one person." Mr. Bradley also explicitly suggests to his readers that they ought to sleep with as many people as they can before they have to eventually get married – "when their animalistic desires are fulfilled." My response is not a tirade against sex before marriage, and I do not seek to judge sleeping around, yet what I do judge and find reprehensible is even a single act of infidelity within a relationship. Trust cannot be earned in a day or even a week, yet it can be lost in a minute – when you break the trust one person has, it ruins the trust that everyone has in you.

Respectfully Yours,

Andrew Pape '10

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To the Editor:

Although I do not necessarily enjoy being referred to as a 'newly spawned first-year fish' nor do others appreciate being called 'broken, flawed, and emotionally vulnerable', my issue with the recent column "A Seniors 'Fleeting Perspective' on Cheating" does not stem from Mr. Bradley's first excuse for cheating. Albeit lamentable and degrading to both parties, the fact that men (and women) can get bored in and unsatisfied with relationships is inevitable. Instead of working to get the spark back in the relationship, it can be easier to just find someone new, with no strings attached. To put it in the words of Mates of State, who recently performed here at Hamilton "I just want to feel the taste of the meal, and not the routine of dining here"(and no, no pun intended). Sometimes it's just the easier way out.

However, the second reason that Mr. Bradley gives for cheating has many faulty claims. While he (and Freud before him) are correct in pointing out the importance of instinct in our decision-making process, the advancement of society over the past however many years has made it apparent that societal values have begun to overcome a human's natural instincts.

The 'yuck' factor (aka second nature) seems to have effectively driven us away from activities such as cannibalism and incest, both of which are natural in much of the animal world. The cultural norms that are ingrained into children at a young age are very strong, and for the most part rule over instinctual actions. Therefore, if culture is enough to keep us from doing other innate activities, there is no reason that it shouldn't keep us from cheating.

While "human nature" is an area of study fraught with disagreement, most would agree that Mr. Bradley's particular version of what E.O. Wilson coined as "socio-biology" is at best misinformed, and at worst a sexist theory with which he validates his own stereotypes.

Furthermore, Mr. Bradley's assumptions completely overlook a major component regarding a woman's "animalistic desires". Along with the others mentioned in the article, one cannot ignore a woman's animalistic desire for sex. Some women have sex, with no intentions to 'find a suitable father with which to raise and protect a child' or for 'attention and self-validation', but merely, because it feels good. Along with this pleasure aspect is a human's attraction to forbidden or taboo acts, as Mr. Bradley mentioned early on in his article, citing drinking during prohibition, drug use, and cheating as examples. If sex or cheating is considered taboo, there is more of an attraction to take part in them, not only for men, but for women also.

Doesn't everyone want to think when plunging headfirst into a relationship that this one will be different, that this one may be the one to change everything? The thrill of finding an amazing new partner will always make you think that, but the new one, like all the previous possibilities, will have an uglier, more vulnerable side to their personality. If you are the type of person that has been incapable of staying true in previous relationships, then what's going to make the difference in this one? Not a whole lot.

Prove me wrong.

Jane Cowles '10

Human Rights Crisis in Africa

by Kye Lippold '10
Inisghts & Ideas Writer

Hamilton students returned to a sunny, green campus this week, hopefully refreshed and ready for a fine end to the semester. Unfortunately, human rights issues never take a break: from March 11 onward, political protest in Zimbabwe has taken a deadly turn.

On March 11, members of the Zimbabwean opposition, including the main opposition party Movement for a Democratic Change (MDC), attempted to lead a prayer rally against the ruling government of President Robert Mugabe. Such meetings had been banned by the state, but opposition forces still resolved to protest the government that they decry as a dictatorship (according to the BBC). But the rally ended in turmoil and violence when police arrested about 50 opposition members and beat them severely, hospitalizing opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai and shooting dead activist Gift Tandare.

Since then, Amnesty International has received reports of continued human rights abuses in Zimbabwe, including restrictions on travel by people injured in police attacks to seek medical aid in neighboring South Africa, further beatings of activists, arrests of opposition leaders, and harassment of lawyers attempting to prevent police actions. Such reports have followed a history of human rights criticism in Zimbabwe, including condemnation of slum clearance programs that allegedly have left thousands of people without shelter or food security (according to the United Nations) and criticisms of electoral fraud from the United States, Britain and opposition parties. Archbishop Pius Ncube, a Catholic leader in Zimbabwe, has called for peaceful protests to oppose Mugabe's rule (according to CNN), while the Southern African Development Community of 14 nations has called an emergency meeting to confront the situation.

Hidza Masuka '09, a Zimbabwean native who plans to research Zimbabwean immigration to South Africa as part of a Summer 2007 Levitt Fellowship, suggested in an interview that the Zimbabwean government is overreacting to the threat of an opposition party after 27 years of one-party rule. President Mugabe has been a popular figure in Zimbabwe. This is particularly true among the rural poor and elderly who remember his role in the independence movement from Great Britain, so his intense state control reflects support rather than despotism. Masuka also pointed out that much of the recent media attention on Zimbabwe has ignored the country's positive achievements: Zimbabwe has the highest literacy rate in Africa and a well-educated population.

Unfortunately, the country currently also faces economic concerns. Inflation is over 2000 percent, and unemployment is around 80 percent. Masuka and many news sources agree that these problems represent the shocks of inefficiency from governmental land reforms, which redistributed land to the black majority. Such economic troubles, as well as the inability of opposition parties to gain governmental seats, account for much of the resistance to Mugabe. Ultimately, for Masuka, the current human rights concerns are unfortunate "bumps along the road" after Zimbabwe's independence, which the people won with difficulty from white minority rule.

Ultimately, many of the human rights issues in Zimbabwe must be resolved independently from western nations. President Mugabe has portrayed the reaction to the Zimbabwe situation as a plan by the West to overthrow his government (according to the BBC), and the *Guardian* newspaper notes that the United Kindgom heavily supports the opposition Movement for Democratic Change. Such Western involvement conjures up the devils of colonialism and creates a paternalistic situation that will hurt Zimbabwe's independence. Opposition leader Arthur Mutambara recently stated to South African SAPA news that, "The only ones who have the moral authority to speak out on Zimbabwe are Africans."

This issue of colonialism helps to explain why the Southern African Development Community has been muted in criticizing Mugabe. Reuters reports that South Africa recently opposed action against Zimbabwe in the UN Security Council. Among African countries, only Zambia has come out against what Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa called the "sinking Titanic" of Mugabe's rule (according to the *Washington Post*). While some Western leaders are considering trying to split Mugabe's ruling party from within, African involvement is vital under any scenario.

That is why Amnesty International has been urging action to convince African leaders in the African Union and Southern African Development Community to end the violence, investigate those responsible, and end the ban on protests. You can join the action at www.amnesty.org or by visiting the Amnesty International meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in ELS 102. Human rights never takes a break, so why should we?

This column is the first in a ongoing series intended to raise awareness at Hamilton College about human rights concerns around the world. It is written with support from the Hamilton chapter of Amnesty International, which meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays in ELS 102.

The Purpose of Our Education

by Robin Gane-McCalla '07
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As Hamilton students, we discuss a wide variety of issues inside and outside of the classroom. These discussions vary from incredibly serious to hysterically silly. They set the framework for our attitudes; it's important that we think of the important issues of the future. There are on campus groups and associations that address various important issues. I think there is an important question that is almost completely ignored. It is: what is the value and purpose of a Hamilton education?

Depending on who you ask, you'll probably receive a variety of answers to that question. You'd find that many people can't, don't or won't answer it. I think it's impossible to find a completely authoritative and fully satisfying answer. And somebody's position (whether they are student or professor, rich or poor etc.) has a large effect on their answer. There are some of the answers to why we're here: to learn, to become employable, to have fun, to be involved with activities/sports, to become leaders, to find friends/romantic partners, to solve the problems of the future, to discover who we are, and to network.

Most people's answer to my question is probably some combination of the aforementioned list. The problem is that students only have so much time. It's hard to be focused on making yourself marketable to employers and become a leader in your community and solve social problems when you are young, finding out who you are and completing all the academic demands placed on you.

Hamilton is often perceived as a "rich white kids' school." As somebody who has lived in Clinton for eight years, I can tell you that that's what most of the locals think. After a long period of denial and deliberation, I have concluded that there is a lot of truth to that. I've written that Hamilton generally lacks a cohesive student culture and that most students form their own insular groups. The most prevalent culture at Hamilton is descended from private and upper-echelon public high schools. Students who are wealthy generally pay full tuition and have pressures to justify their investment while less wealthy students receive financial aid and thus in some ways have a freer experience (of course, there are also many ways in which their college experience is harder than their wealthier counterparts). While there are exceptions, I think that most Hamilton students are more into having fun and making money than solving social problems and helping others. These "rich white kids" seem less concerned with making the world a better place and more concerned with their own priorities. This is frustrating to certain people: they see it as the rich getting richer and not learning or solving all the problems that exist in the world. I personally don't see it as that much of a problem. The problem is when people try to deny that they are selfish, or when they endlessly dwell on the minor activities they have done to help the less fortunate, but totally disregard how well off they are or the destructive effects of certain activities they engage in.

"Our education should give us an accurate conception of the world and the means to create positive change in it."

There are many students and professors who spend significant time and energy trying to fix, or at least raise awareness of, various social problems. Many of these people see college as the great equalizer, hoping that by some miracle college can remedy various social inequalities, or at least lessen them. I'm generally sympathetic to these people (aside from when their position on issues differs from my own). However, I sometimes think that just like the rich white kids who view college from a pragmatic perspective, these "social activists" have their own self interest at heart. Another thing that bothers me is how they sometimes try to make people do things by evoking guilt.

These two perspectives, the "rich kids" and "social activists," are not necessarily irreconcilable. We could look at them as people who focus on the value of education and people who focus on the purpose of education. I think that the simple solution between these seemingly opposing groups is relatively simple. We need to make it valuable and profitable to solve social problems and inequalities. The only way we can do this is through discussion. Despite the fact that we're a small college people often cluster and resist meeting and talking with drastically different people. If we're divided into subgroups with tensions between us, then how can we expect the uneducated world to be peaceful and united? Most of the problems in the world are manifested right on this campus in some form or another. Our education should give us an accurate conception of the world and the means to create positive change in it. Hamilton can provide a great deal of resources, but we are ultimately alone in this challenge.

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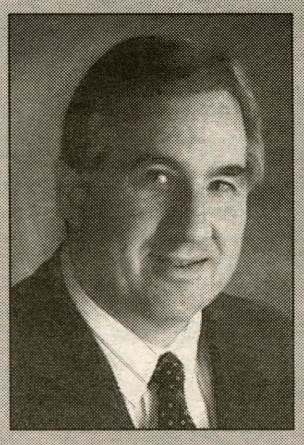

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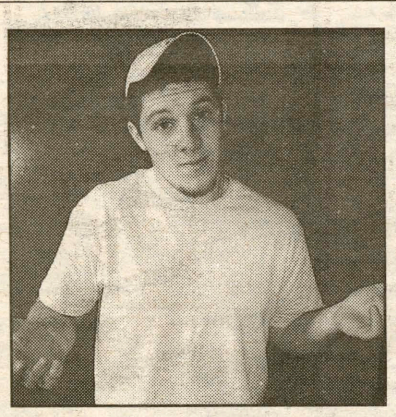

"Girl on girl...?"

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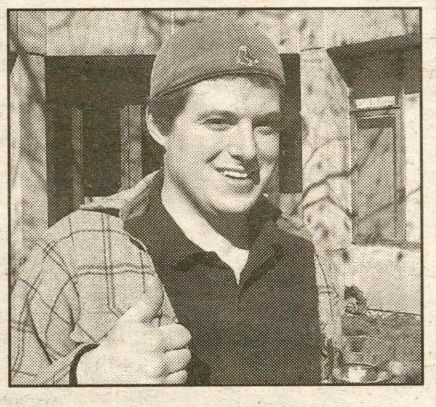


"Two words: Fox News."

Devin Soule '07

Hamilton Unscripted

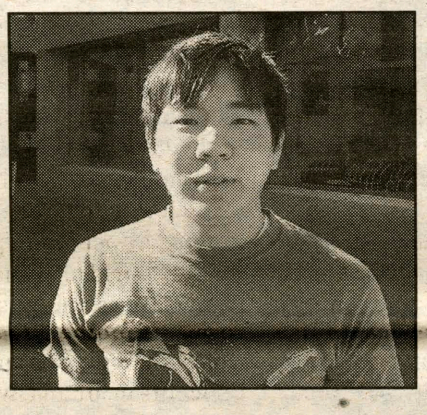
This week's question:

What do you think actually goes on in the co-op?

by Melissa Balding '09 & Lauren Moon '09

"Burn nag and boner jam."

Drew LaFiandra '07



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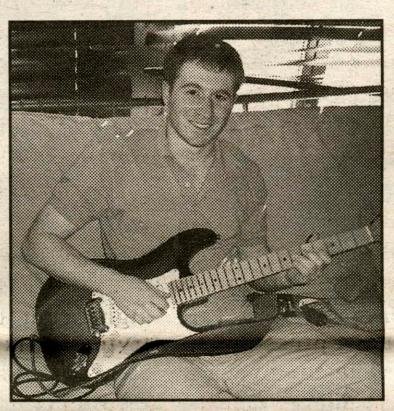

"Organic circle jerk."

Matt Prescottano '09

"AD rush functions."

Diana Gaydusek '07

by Matthew Kotlove '09
Staff Cartoonist

ScienceDaily.com Newstory of the Day

Antiviral Protein May Inhibit Ebola And Marburg Virus, New Study Suggests

Science Daily — Researchers from Germany found that an antiviral protein previously shown to inhibit other viruses may also protect against Ebola and Marburg virus infection. They report their findings in the March 2007 issue of the Journal of Virology.

Ebola virus (EBOV) and Marburg virus (MARV) belong to the Filoviridae family and cause severe hemorrhagic fever in humans and nonhuman primates. Filovirus infections are characterized by high fever, hemorrhages and shock and are responsible for mortality rates up to 90%. Currently, there is no vaccine or therapy available for treating infected patients.

In a previous study researchers found the zinc finger antiviral protein (ZAP) capable of inhibiting Moloney murine leukemia virus and Sindbis virus replication. In this study ZAP was tested for its antiviral activity in cells infected with EBOV and MARV. Results showed significant inhibition of EBOV, up to 95 % while MARV was less significant suggesting the antiviral effectiveness of ZAP may depend on the filovirus species.

"In conclusion, the data demonstrate that ZAP exhibits antiviral activity against filoviruses, presumably by decreasing the level of viral mRNA," say the researchers.

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Silent Voices Series: Living with a Sibling with Autism

By Elijah Lachance
Science & Technology Writer

What is autism? According to the Autism Society of America, "autism is a complex developmental disability that affects an individual in the areas of social interaction and communication" (autism-society.org). I disagree.

My sister has autism, and I have lived hand-in-hand with this disorder since I can remember. I have seen that autism affects everyone, not just the people who are diagnosed with it. In the coming weeks, I will be using this column to tell you my sister's story – my story – and about how autism has radically changed my life. After that, I will open up this column as a forum for other people with stories of family members devastated by autism or other neurological disorders. I know many of you out there have stories; according to an article in *The Lancet,* as many as one in 100 children may have some form of autism (thelancet.com/sciencetech). I urge you to write: only by sharing stories can we truly start to understand the impacts of autism.

I said autism affects everyone, and by that I mean you – you, the person who is considering putting this paper down right now and going back to your normal life because you don't think you know anyone with autism or you do, and think you don't need to read this. I have lived with autism my whole life, and I really know nothing about it – nobody does. The first thing everyone should know about autism is what we don't know. We do not know what causes autism, but we do know it has reduced people to lives completely without communication or bodily control.

"One in 100 children may have autism"

Forget the myths. People with autism are not mutants. Autism is not known to be triggered by diet or social situations. Contrary to popular belief, there is no evidence to support the idea that autism is triggered by childhood vaccinations, and the National Institute of Mental Health has reported only two to five percent of people with autism have obvious genetic mutations such as Fragile X syndrome (nimh-nih.gov). The scariest part of autism is simply that nobody knows what it really is. In an era in which we can see individual atoms, autism remains an invisible enemy.

Over the next few weeks, I will be telling you the story of a young girl who developed perfectly normally for two and a half years. This girl, Grace, walked and talked earlier than normal for a baby, and played make-believe and kitchen and dress-up. Autism threw her life into turmoil and, with it, the lives of the people around her. As you are reading these articles, remember this girl was torn apart by a disorder we know nothing about, and she was and is somebody's daughter, somebody's niece, and somebody's sister – mine.

To be continued as part of a series of articles looking at life with autism.

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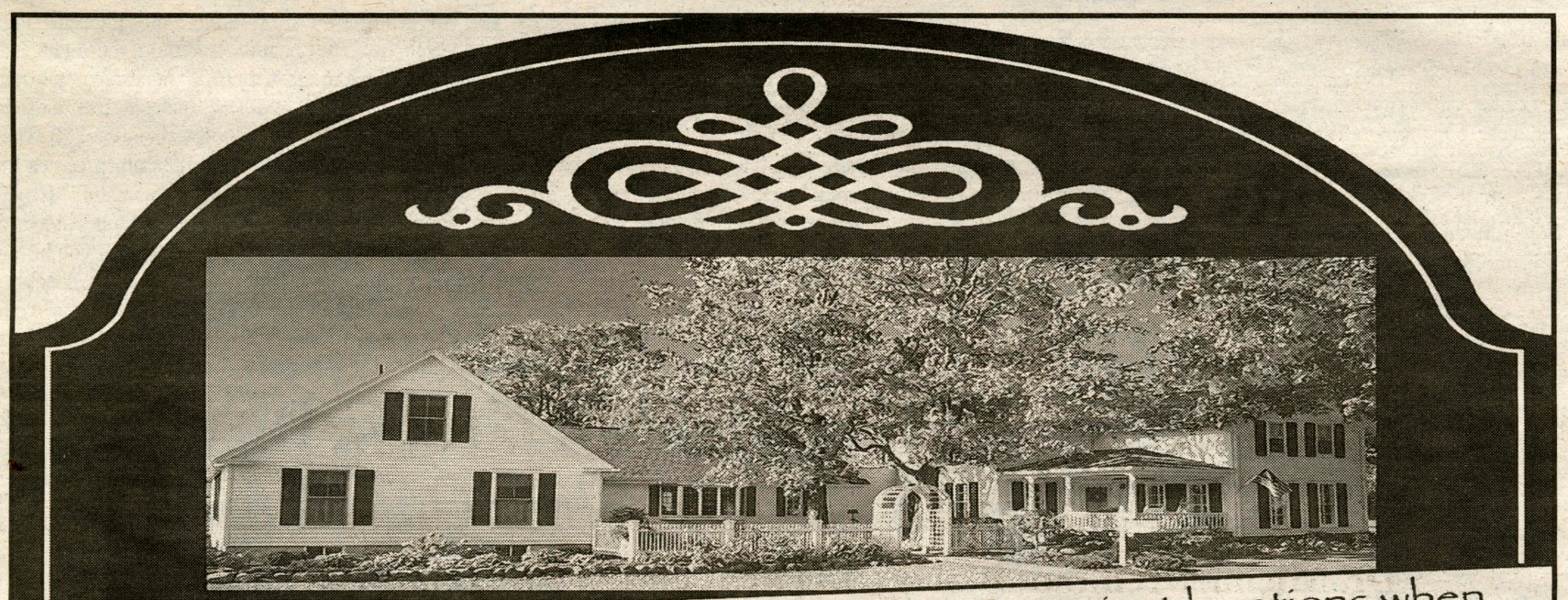

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Lotions and Potions: Quick and Easy Tricks

by Elizabeth Kosar '10
BEAUTY EXPERT

So let's be frank, honest, and blunt. James Blunt actually. All summer his song "You're Beautiful" was all over the radio, making some of us nauseaued from the sappiness, but also making us think that maybe we should aspire to be beautiful.

But then we got to college where most of us make the choice not to get up hours before a class to groom and primp. We roll out of bed 15 minutes before class, drag a brush across our teeth (hopefully) and scurry off to class in sweatpants.

Yes, there are those individuals who seem to always show up looking poised and polished with shiny, swingy hair and artfully glossed lips. I'm never going to be one of them. Most days I'm lucky if my hair isn't making me look like a reject from an '80's band. However, there are five simple steps that even someone as lazy as I, someone who was once too lazy to roll over while taking a NAP, can do in the morning to look vaguely like an attractive human being.

(P.S. Guys I'm aware that this is definitely a chick column but next week is all you. Seriously.)

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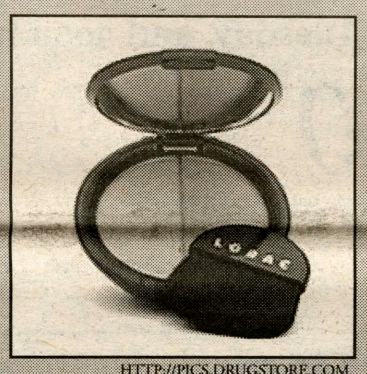

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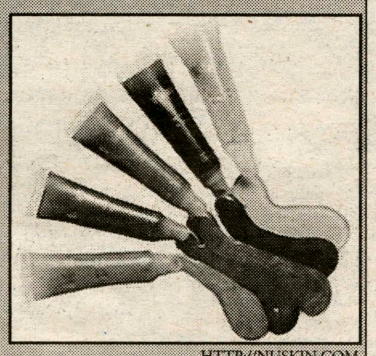
5. Gloss/Balm- For luscious lips because you never know when that guy in your Economics class is going to look up.



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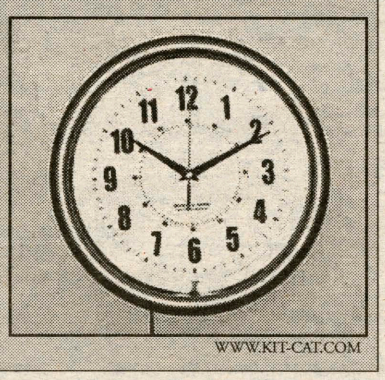
And... voila! Just by following these five simple steps, you'll be gorgeous in time for 9 a.m. class. You might not be able to get that paper postponed, but anyone can beat the beauty clock!



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66 Mosquitos Wild About ASB

by Bianca Dragan '10
FEATURES EDITOR

Have you ever seen a 40-foot diameter dome planetarium full of popcorn? Have you ever wished to see people living in the nineteenth century? Have you ever gazed into the eyes of a red-tailed hawk about 20 inches away?

The Alternative Spring Break program was started in 1993 when 20 students traveled to Miami to work on Hurricane Andrew relief with *Habitat for Humanity.* The following year the number of students doubled; the number of participants has steadily increased every year. This year, ASB offered six trips to Hands on Gulf Coast – Biloxi, Mississippi; Emergency Communities – Buras, Louisiana; Cumberland Trails- Crossville, Tennessee; Burgaw Elementary School- Burgaw, North Carolina; Habitat for Humanity- Franklin, West Virginia; and Land between the Lakes (LBL)- Kentucky. A total of 66 volunteers went on the trips.

LBL is a 170,000-acre National Recreation Area or what some might call a huge outdoor playground. It offers sightseeing, boating, horseback riding, fishing, hunting, swimming, hiking and biking. You can also ride your all terrain vehicles on 100 miles of trails at the Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area, or even do some canoeing on Honker Lake. You may also see history coming alive at the Homeplace, where farm staff wear nineteenth century clothing and demonstrate typical daily activities of a mid-nineteenth century family farm. They also showed you the buildings, crop fields, vegetable gardens and historic livestock breeds. Another adventure awaits you at the Woodlands Nature Station where you can witness a true parade of raptors: red wolves, bald eagles, vultures, coyotes, screech owls, great horned owls or red-tailed hawks look you straight in the eye. You'll also find another breathtaking view at the Golden Pond Planetarium which offers the latest in digital imaging technology to present night skies or celestial events.

It's all there. At least for *now.* While we were at LBL helping the staff with their projects, we couldn't help noticing their efforts in educating people about the environment. Their vast knowledge, but most importantly their genuine passion, made everything seem worthwhile and awesomely FUN! Fun like an Adirondack Adventure trip, only without the grand Andrew Jillings and sweet Indie, but with a feeling that the trip wasn't only about you-you-you, but about others too. We had free admission at the Woodlands Nature Station, The Homeplace, The Elk and Bison Prairie and The Golden Pond Planetarium. We felt appreciated every time we were told "thank you" or "y'all don't know what this means for us." They count a lot on volunteers. Although we could not always see the final product (like with *Habitat for Humanity* when volunteers build a house), the staff assured us that our help was invaluable. Bob Holliday from The Homeplace confessed: "If it weren't for y'all, building this fence would have taken us two to three weeks because there are only a couple of us and we all have a lot of projects to take care of." On the same line, Bill Ryan from Turkey Bay Off-Highway Vehicle Area (OHV) said that "there are just two of us who take care of 200 miles of wildlife and another 100 miles for the trails at OHV. Correcting this trail would have taken a couple of weeks."

How long did it take us? Not weeks, but HOURS and we were only ten Hamilton students. We built fences, we removed brush from sites, we planted trees, we realigned and reinforced trails, we did new trails (we proudly named one "The Hamilton trail"), we raked the trails and the surroundings at The Homeplace. I couldn't stop thinking about the work we could have done if there would have been 11 of us, or 12, or 13 or more. How could we not want to come back next spring break and do more?

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Hamilton volunteers pose, proud of the trail they worked on.

Hamilton students' help is needed to support the many projects there are at LBL. Students can even do (paid) internships or apprenticeships in a wide range of disciplines like recreation, environmental education interpretation, forestry, wildlife management, living history interpretation, communications, photography/graphic design, public relations, environmental engineering, business management or marketing.

Land between the Lakes was just one of the ASB trips where volunteers are greatly wanted. Imagine a mosquito buzzing you in the middle of the night. Now imagine 30. The difference would make you go bananas. Imagine ten volunteers. Now imagine 300. The difference would help preserve the privilege of an adventure. If you think the efforts of one individual will be nothing, then you have never been to bed with a mosquito, B. Reese once said. Like the 66 Hamilton mosquitos, y'all fell in love with what the ASB buzz is all about!

Hamilton's Ballroom Dancing Club: *Ruling the Floor One Dance at a Time!*

by Brittany Albert '10
FEATURES WRITER

When it looked like no one was going to head-up Hamilton's Ballroom Dancing Guild in the beginning of this year, longtime dancers Mark Fitzsimmons '09 and Jai Moorjani '09 made the "whimsical decision" to take it over. They've now organized a club that has over 30 members.

The club meets for two hours every Friday starting at 5 p.m. Gina and Luca Esposito, professional ballroom instructors, come to each meeting and teach dances like swing, salsa, cha-cha, tango, rumba and merengue.

Although participants learn both basic and advanced dance steps, the club is intended for beginners. Mark and Jai want anyone to feel comfortable to come for fun and informal instruction.

"A lot of people, when they think ballroom dancing, they think of formal couples in tuxedoes and gowns on the dance floor," says Ballroom Club Vice President Jai Moorjani. "But it's not formal at all."

He sees the club's casual attitude as being its most appealing aspect. They strive to mix the old and new together and experiment with different types of music. "Once in a while, we'll throw in some Akon for cha cha," Ballroom Club President Mark Fitzsimmons says. He adds,"The informal nature of it makes it exciting"

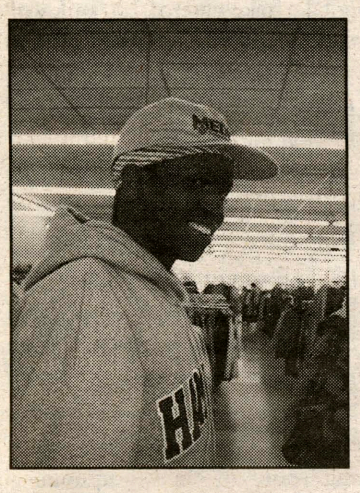
The goals of the club are to "teach as many people on campus how to dance and how to be comfortable with it." The club leaders want people to be able to build up confidence when dancing. "We want to help teach people who want to lead when they dance how to lead and followers how to follow," Fitzsimmons says.

The club also takes their enthusiasm off the hill. They have participated in two volunteer activities this year. For Make a Difference Day in Utica, they taught local kids how to dance. They have also performed for senior citizens at Altera nursing home through the arts outreach program.

When asked how he would convince people to attend a club that might seem a bit old fashioned to some college students, Fitzsimmons said he has never had to do any convincing. People just come because it is a great way to try something new and different in a relaxed atmosphere. "It seems like dancing in any form is appealing to almost everyone," Fitzsimmons says. Mark and Jai encourage anyone to come on Friday afternoons to get up and dance!

From Where I Sit: Alternative Spring Break Rocked!

by Peter Kosgei '10
Features Writer



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Rock! was the song of the day on the steep slopes of the black mountain of the Cumberland Trail in Crossville, Tennessee. This one word was enough to scare people downhill and send them fleeing for their lives. Say the words "pimp cabin" or "Kiss me, I might be Irish," or "gay street" and everyone in our group at the Cumberland Trail Conference would jump to his or her feet like he or she was called to attention! It is obvious that expectations are broken by the outcome. To change is risky, but not to change is riskier. Either way, change is like a rest. Students who went to Crossville can at least say that they did something meaningful that benefited them and indirectly benefited those students who spent their spring break doing nothing but sleeping and claiming they were taking a needed break from books.

The journey to Cumberland was long but exciting. Although it is normal to sleep during a journey (maybe there is a biological explanation for that), everybody enjoyed the journey even if they slept through half of it and were half asleep through the rest of it. At one point, a two-hour compulsory break was necessary to give people time to stretch their already numb legs. We took a late lunch before embarking on the remaining half of the journey in Cleveland, Ohio. The guys roamed around taking note of weird advertisements and commercials on walls and in windows like, "Kiss me, I might be Irish!"

The next day, our stop in Knoxville was crucial for us because we needed to eat something. I do not know the exact name of this kind of meal between lunch and dinner. And I did not know what people had been surviving on since breakfast that morning. I found out that the answer was in powerful granola bars, which proved to be inseparable from the group. The street that we alighted on in Knoxville was Gay Street, which I bet no one will ever forget. When we first arrived at our destination, we attended a seemingly obvious orientation session on the use of tools and the safety word "rock," which was useful in case of dangerous falling stones. We lived in small cabins which we later nicknamed Pimp cabins. Each day, we would wake up at 6:30 a.m. ready to leave for breakfast and head up the black mountain. It became obvious that we were not going to drive up the mountain because hiking would lose its meaning. We stayed on the mountain from 8 a.m.. to 3 p.m.. to build trails or to make a pathway down the hill. This work involved the use of rocks to support the soil on the downward side of the trail. When someone shouted the alarm "ROCK!," the rest of us would flee without looking were we were going or where the rocks were falling. Apart from building trails, we had lectures after lunch and in the evenings, Joe taught us many things such as the different ways to start a fire using simple things like dry cells and wax. Nobody will ever forget Joe!

Hamilton volunteers are naturally athletic, so some of us went for a run after finishing our work for the day. This really amazed the volunteer staff, because they didn't understand how people could run after the tedious work on the trail. During our free time, we played a number of games in our cabins. These included Mafia, Nalgene and the Egyptian, which involved grabbing playing cards off the table. I sarcastically called that gambling, but just for fun. We even had a bonfire outside of one of our cabins where we met with kids from other schools. Some of us definitely took naps, but not long ones: it was more fun being awake than asleep. Some of us still swear that the best nap ever was taken in those cabins. The reason why I am mentioning all these things is so that Hamilton students will not mistakenly believe that the ASB program does not include fun. Actually, there is more fun than serious hard work.

The last day was the climax of our trip. We went to Lafollette, which is an hour's drive from Crossville where we spent our last night. We met everyone who took part in building trails. There was a live music performance and definitely a lot of dancing. If there was a day that everyone wished would last forever, then it was this Friday night. I am sure that we brought new dancing styles back to Hamilton. We had a peaceful night before heading back to the Hill singing our favorite songs, *Fergalicious* and *Catch my Disease.* In fact we ended up calling them "our songs."

For those who have no idea what ASB is, I will only say this. You do not realize the importance of something until you miss it. And you will only miss it if, and only if, you know what it is. I would like to encourage everyone to participate in one of the ASB programs. Don't stay outside, come on in and taste this sweet thing. It's like a fishing: one bite and you're hooked. The only difference is that the fisherman destroys the life of fish for his own benefits while being hooked by ASB boost what Biologists call mutualism or better still symbiosis. Lastly, I would like to thank our leaders and everybody who took part in the ASB. Blessed is the hand which gives and doesn't get tired of doing good.

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The Alternative Spring Break group that worked on the Cumberland Trail in Tennessee.

What's Cookin' in the Co-op: Super Smoothies!

by Laura Hartz '07
Features Contributor

Felafel is one of our favorite meals at the Co-op. Served in warmed pita halves alongside a big green salad (with some feta, olives, and cucumbers for a real treat), its one of our most popular meals.

And for dessert, try some yummy gingerbread cookies. Ginger is good for digestion and makes a delicious and slightly spicy cookie.

Felafel
(from Moosewood Cookbook)
serves 4-6

4 cups cooked chick peas (or total 30 oz. canned)
4 cloves garlic
I tsp turmeric
1 tsp salt
½ cup finely minced onion
¼ cup packed chopped parsley
¼ cup water
1 tablespoon lemon juice
a little cayenne
1/3 cup flour
a little oil for frying

1.Preheat oven to 300 degrees.
2. Rinse and drain chicks
3. Combine all ingredients in a food processors
4. Heat a skillet and add a little oil. When a bread crumb can sizzle in the oil, drop shaped patties into the skillet and fry lightly on each side for 10 minutes each.
5. Place the patties on a paper-towel-lined plate in the oven to keep warm until serving

Serve in warmed pita pocket halves with **cucumber yogurt raita** (see following recipe).

Cucumber Yogurt Raita (or Tzazkik)

2 cups yogurt
1 tsp cumin seeds
salt and cayenne
1 cucumber, peeled and grated

1. Mix all ingredients.
2.Refrigerate until serving time.

Gingerbread Cookies
(from The Moosewood Book of Desserts)

21 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
pinch of salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
4 teaspoons ground ginger
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cloves
pinch of cayenne (optional, but super tasty)
1/2 cup of butter
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsulphured molasses
1 egg

1. Sift flour, cocoa, salt, baking soda, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, cloves and cayenne.
2. In a separate bowl cream butter and sugar until light; add molasses and egg.
3. Stir in dry mixture
4. Form the dough into a ball with floured hands in the bowl.
5. Knead until form holds
6. Wrap dough in plastic and chill for 30 minutes.
7. Preheat oven to 350
8. Oil a baking sheet
9. Lightly flour the bench top, rolling pin, and cookie cutters
10. Roll dough to desired thickness (super thin for "snaps" and thicker for a 'cakier' cookie)
11. Bake for 10-12 minutes until set with lightly browned edges
12. Cool on a rack and enjoy!

"What's Cookin' in the Co-op" is a weekly collection of yummy concoctions from the co-op kitch at Woollcott House. Try 'em out in your common room kitchen, or impress Mom and Dad over break! Many thanks to the co-op members for sharing their culinary creativity!

The Online Shopper

by Brittany Albert '10
Features Writer

It's springtime at Hamilton and you know what that means- rain and lots of it! Stay dry with the web's best rain accessories!

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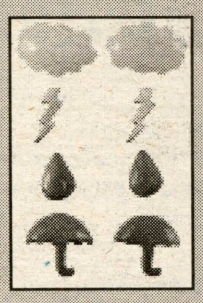

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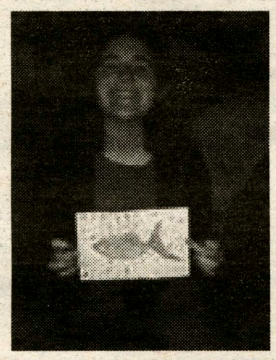
Voices From Abroad: Katie as a Tourist

by Katie Naughton '08
Features Writer



I have six bags of microwave popcorn on a shelf in my bureau. I have two boxes of Annie's mac and cheese, and a jar of natural peanut butter twice the size of the jars you can buy here for twice the cost. I have ten Clif bars.

I had a friend come to visit.

We did it all – the Eiffel tower, the Arc de Triumph, the Seine, the Louvre, Centre Pompidou. We had lunch at a place called Breakfast in America, which unfortunately still didn't have the milkshake I was craving (what I got was literally shaken milk, I think, but definitely did not include ice-cream). We spoke delicious English, and I was regularly understood by someone for a whole week. And then she went home.

It was a bit of a relief after my week of intense touristing to return to my life of… of… actually, I have no idea what I've been doing with my time. And now, a week later, I'm still not entirely sure. I spent Sunday looking through the tour guide I disovered last week to highlight all the things I want to do before I leave. There's so much! I'm just getting ready to dig in and get settled, but its already almost time for me to go home! A week of classes, two weeks of vacation, a few more weeks of classes, and then I'm gone. And I can't figure out where my time has been going.

Last weekend I went to the home of the family of friends of my family (try to explain that in French – I did more than once to my host family who I would guess are still pretty unsure of these people's relation to me) for dinner. They live in Athis Mons, a suburb in the south of Paris near the Orly airport, whose grids of little lights were, I think, what I was seeing from the window of the room I stayed in there.

Its less than an hour from my house on the regional train, but Afsaneh, whose brother my family knows, suggested, that it might be, pause for a moment, safer, if I stayed overnight. I didn't argue. She was born in Iran and has moved around a bit, so I figured it wasn't a case of my host mother's somewhat irrational distaste for the metro. Though Athis Mons seemed pretty tame, there are Paris suburbs, the 'banlieu,' that are a little questionable. Once my host mother mentioned that she had a cousin selling dental supplies who once disappeared into the banlieu. I couldn't understand if she said he'd ever been found or not.

I came with a box of what I've been told to be very good chocolate (from Cacao et Chocolat in the Marais if you're looking for an address) and Haribo gummy alligators for the kids. I was supposed to call from the train station when I got in. My cell phone was dead because I sagely forgot the charge cord in my visitor's luggage. I figured there would be a payphone, and there was, but it didn't take change or my American credit card, which lacks a chip on the front that European cards have.

So I went in the tabac (bar/tobacco/magazines/etc) across the street explaining that I needed to call someone in the town but didn't have anything that would work in the pay phone, could I please use their phone? It was sort of like the typical Stranger in Town movie scene – all the regulars including a guy I could imagine playing in the Clash or some other band of that era and genre, all turning their heads slightly to look, inclining their ears a bit to place my accent. It was a little hokey, but I appreciated the small-town, which was simultaneously closed and open, more than I can express. After two unsuccessful tries and a message left in what I hoped was comprehensible French, I asked if anyone knew the address of my destination and if it was long to walk. My buddy from the Clash said it was about ten minutes, to go up the road that mounts the hill until the little hospital, and to then take a left.

When I arrived it turns out that Afsaneh had deciphered from my message to go look for me at the station. However, she had a cell phone with her, which limited a bit the Comedy of Errors-esque entering and exiting that could have ensued, and we finally all ended up in the living room of their gorgeous-in a-simple-way French home. I think Marc, Afsaneh's husband, is an architect. Afsaneh wants to move – she explained she didn't like staying in one place for too long. Marc and the kids want to stay. They were going to look at another house in the next town over in the morning.

Also there, though I couldn't quite divine for how long (conveying temporality seems to be especially difficult in a second language), were Afsaneh's parents. Her father spoke French well, and her mother a bit, probably almost on the same level as I did, but they also spoke a lot of Persian, the language of Iran, at the table. Her father insisted I try some of the Iranian cheese, which was similar in consistency to feta, but milder, and said that the next time I would have to come visit them in Iran. I said okay as long as he would be my guide.

And tomorrow, another friend will be in Paris…

Being There: *A Return to Sunshine on the Hill*

by Mallory Reed '10
Features Editor

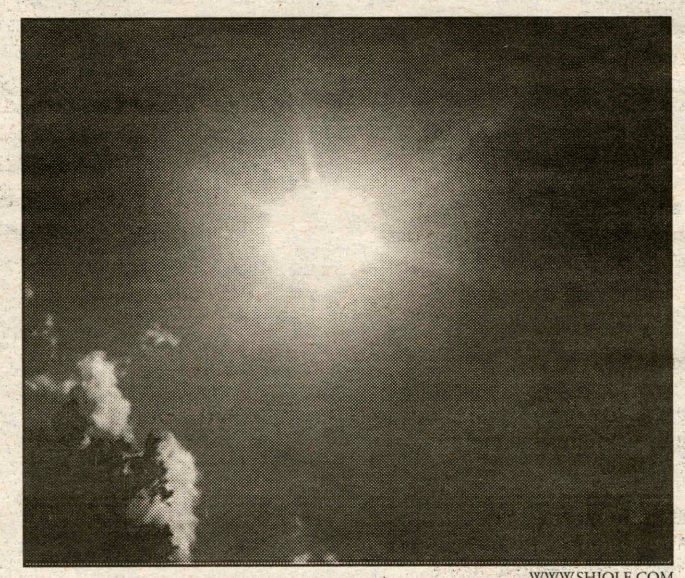
Sun, sun, sun- finally sun! I am perched on the steps outside of Commons on the first sunny afternoon following the return from Spring break. After two weeks of being off-campus trailed by two days of straight rain, I can tell that people are ready to revel in the rays. Although the wind is whipping and the day is deceptively chilly, winter jackets have almost entirely given way to Northface fleeces, blazers, and hoodies. It's spring!

A girl walks by in flip-flops and a t-shirt on her way to Dunham and some guy has his sleeves rolled up on his windbreaker. As a friend stops by to chat, I offer a smile and turn my face up to the cloudless sky. I haven't seen blue like this in a while! I count two more guys in t-shirts and one in shorts. A couple girls have even taken up the noisy flip-flop waddle again. It's days away from a Teva-tan!

I'm ineffably happy that the dull hues of winter clothing have started to give way to pastels and brights. After months of drab browns and navy blues I'm a little too excited for spring color. I spot a pair of hot-pink pants, a pale-yellow cardigan and shiny, sparkly accessories are widespread… heck yes!

At this popular campus crossroads I witness abundant smiles, "His" and "How was your breaks" between students who are on their way to class, the gym and snack time. Even two days into it, people are still reuniting after their time apart. It's like the campus is coming back to life.

Two of my friends begin holding break dance poses on the low wall alongside Martin's Way. As I watch their bodies twirl in the dazzling sun, I want to shout, "Come quick! People are upside-down outside of Commons!" They try to do a pose called "The Flag" on the lamppost but give up. I ask for more and one stands on his hands and bends his body into something that looks like a 'c.' His arms are a little shaky after weeks of disuse and he quickly drops out of the pose.



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Hamilton welcomed back the sunshine this past week.

Although most students have dispersed to their destinations, I am startled as a group of rowdy guys race by at top speed, some running and some on bikes. By the time I look up again they are gone. My friends are still twirling on their hands in front of me as someone rides by on a skateboard, the wheels grating on the pavement. Other than that it's pretty quiet except for the infrequent noise of a car passing on College Hill Road. I wonder when the birds will be back.

As the wind starts to get to me a chill sets in, so I decide to head into Commons to check out the snack-time spread. But not to worry, we've got a whole slew of sunny summer days ahead of us!

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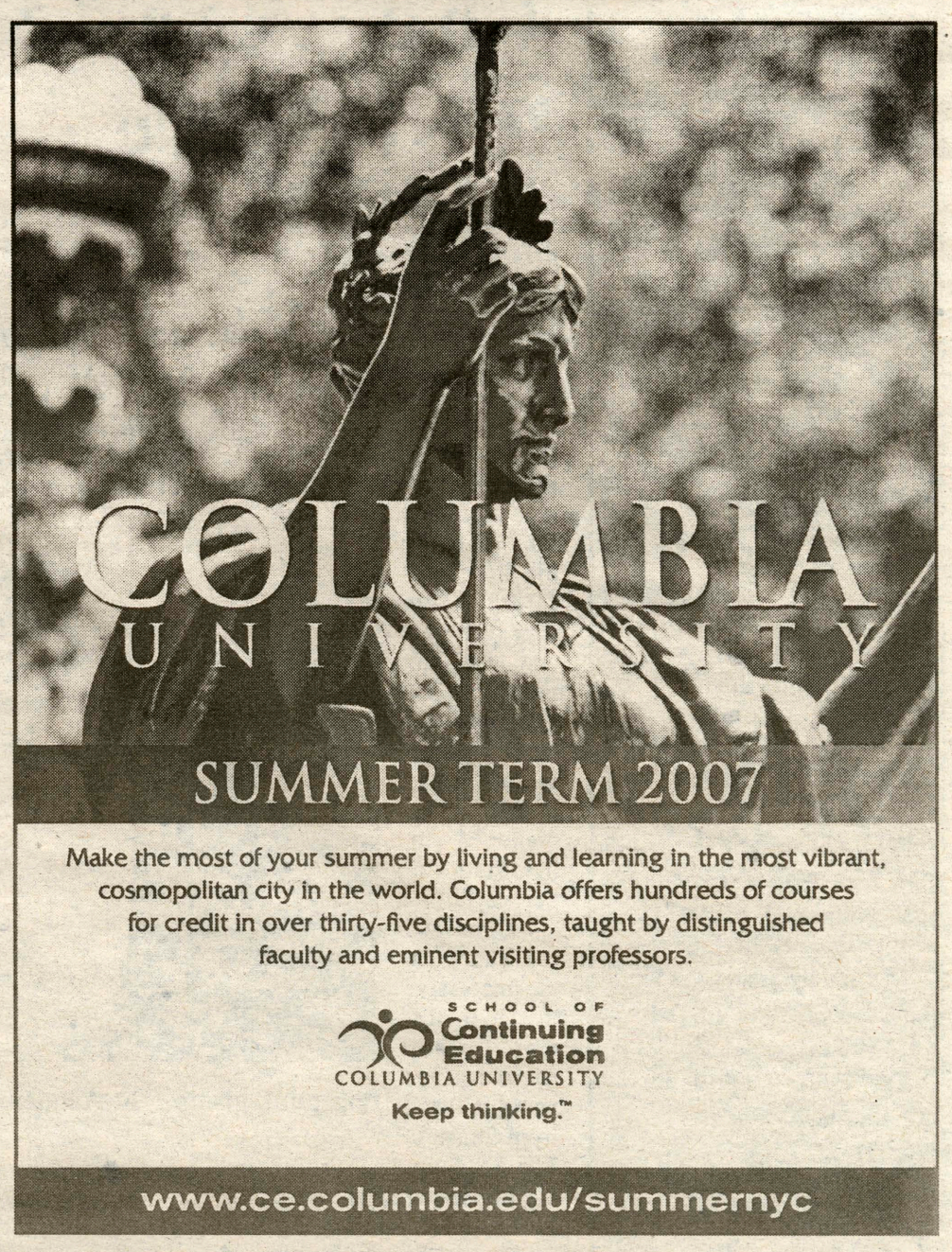
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Weekly Charts

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

MUSIC
(From iTunes)

Top Albums
1. Fragments from a Space Cadet - Kenneth Bager
2. Alphabeat - Alphabeat
3. Back to Black - Amy Winehouse
4. The Very Best of The Doors - The Doors
5. The Last Resort - Trentemolier

Top Songs
1. Grace Kelly - Mika
2. Beautiful Liar - Beyonce & Shakira
3. Fibs (Logn & Latin) - KNA Connected
4. 10,000 Nights of Thunder - Alphabeat
5. Intervention - Arcade Fire

MOVIES
(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)
1. TMNT
2. 300
3. Shooter
4. Wild Hogs
5. The Last Mimzy
6. The Hills Have Eyes 2
7. Premonition
8. Reign Over Me
9. Pride
10. Dead Silence

BOOKS
(From The New York Times Best Seller List)

Paperback Fiction
1. PRIOR BAD ACTS, by Tami Hoag
2. JUDGE & JURY, by James Patterson and Andrew Gross
3. SHIVER, by Lisa Jackson
4. THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards
5. MORNING COMES SOFTLY, by Debbie Macomber

Paperback Non-Fiction
1. THE MEASURE OF A MAN, by Sidney Poitier
2. THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls
3. EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert
4. THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING, by Joan Didion
5. 90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey

Upcoming Events for the Week

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

by Rebekah A. Mintzer '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Just because there are only six weeks left of school doesn't mean you have to spend all of that time cooped up in the library or the Science Center working. Here are some Arts and Entertainment related events to keep your mind off finals, projects and all that other stuff you know you don't want to do. Enjoy!

SK Films Presents: *Casino Royale*

Bond, James Bond. How can you resist?

New Bond Daniel Craig stars as the most suave man to ever carry a gun in this twenty-first installment of the Bond series. *Casino Royale* tells the story of the earlier years in Bond's illustrious espionage career, before he had double-0 status and was a complete bad boy. If the allure of Daniel Craig is not enough, see the movie for its shifty villains, beautiful location shots, and dramatic chase scenes. *Casino Royale*, directed by Martin Campbell, the man behind *Goldeneye* and *Beyond Borders* has frequently been refered to by critics as the best Bond flick in a long time.

KJ Auditorium
Friday 10 p.m., Saturday 8 p.m. and 11 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

F.I.L.M. Series Presents: St. Clair Bourne presents *Paul Robeson - Here I Stand!*

A world reknowned documentarian of African and African-American culture, Bourne has recieved the Oscar Micheaux Lifetime Achievement Award, been featured at the Kennedy Center and was a major contributor to Black Journal, the first ever television program to deal specifically with black affairs in the U.S. Bourne has produced and/or directed films about major African-American cultural contributors such as Langston Hughes and Spike Lee (among others).

This Sunday, Bourne will present his documentary film about athlete, actor, singer, and activist Paul Robeson, a man who lived through persecution in tumultuous times to become one of the twentieth century's unsung American heroes.

KJ Auditorium
Sunday 2 p.m.

F.I.L.M. Series Presents: *Do the Right Thing with Spike Lee*

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Poet Michael Burkhard will come to campus on Tuesday.

Another of St. Clair Bourne's works, this film is a documentary of the making of Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing* and provides important insight into Lee's film not only as a work of art but as a community effort in the Bedford-Stuyvesent area of Brooklyn. Catch a young Spike Lee at work with a team of talented actors like Ossie Davis and Rosie Perez to tell a story about racial tensions that still resonates almost twenty years later.

KJ Auditorium
Monday 7 p.m.

The Dean of Faculty and English Department Present: A Poetry Reading by Michael Burkhard

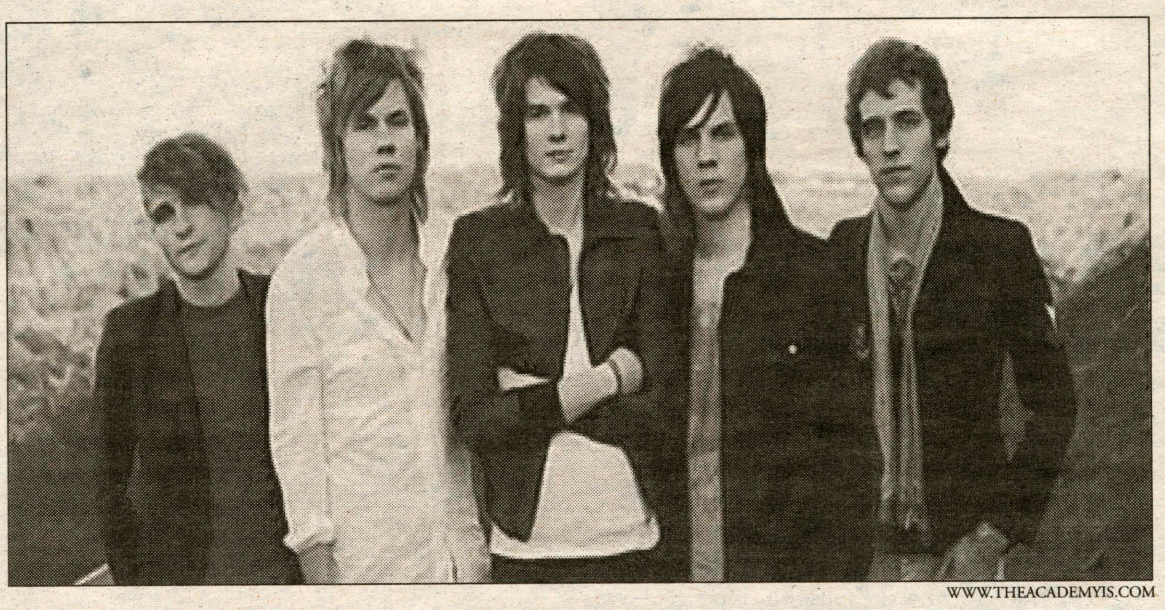
Interested in English or Creative Writing? Want to attend a reading by a talented writer who works in upstate New York? Michael Burkhard is the author of numerous books of poetry, including *Unsleeping* and *My Secret Boat*. His work has appeared in the American Poetry Review and he currently teaches in the MFA Creative Writing Program at Syracuse University.

The Filius Events Barn
Tuesday 8 p.m.

The Academy Is... Set To Release Latest Effort

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Fueled By Ramen's A&R depatrment has certainly had pretty huge success in finding bands, like Fall Out Boy, they could easily groom into successful, platinum-selling artists. With a roster including bands like punk/hip-hop sensations Gym Class Heroes and ska-punk veterans Less Than Jake, Fueled By Ramen is becoming a force to be reckoned with in the indie label world.



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Pop-punk group, The Academy Is..., will release their second album, Santi, on April 3.

One of the bands on the impressive Fueled By Ramen line-up is five-piece pop-punk band from Chicago, The Academy Is... (Yes, there are elipses after their name). Made up of William Beckett (vocals), Adam Siska (bass), Michael Guy Chislett (guitar), Mike Carden (guitar) and Andy "The Butcher" Mrotek (drums), The Academy Is... are releasing their sophomore album, *Santi,* April 3.

Like it's predecessor, 2005's *Almost Here*, *Santi* is a fine example of melody and hook-driven catchy pop-punk that focuse on a more diverse array of subjects rather than yet another break-up with the latest girl to break hearts.

While *Almost Here* debuted at number 24 on *Billboard's* Independent Albums chart, *Santi* is bound to debut higher. *Almost Here* featured three singles, "Slow Down," "The Phrase That Pays," and "Checkmarks," as well as the song "Black Mamba" which was later remixed for inclusion on the *Snakes On A Plane* soundtrack.

If *Santi's* first single, "We've Got A Big Mess On Our Hands," is any indication, this second album will be just as successful as the last album. The music video is already available on YouTube and features William Beckett trying to get his life back from his escaped reflection.

Produced by Butch Walker (Avril Lavigne, Simple Plan, Fall Out Boy), *Santi* promises to hit all of the high-points of *Almost Here* such as the danceable melodies and ridiculously catchy refrains.

Carried by William Beckett's powerful and smooth tenor voice, light drum beats; and pulsating, driving guitars, the sound of The Academy Is... has certainly matured, similarly to Fall Out Boy's but in decidely less of a hip-hop flavor and direction.

The Academy Is... is currently touring on the Honda Civic Tour with Fall Out Boy, +44, Cobra Starship and Paul Wall. A full list of their tour dates, as well as links to listen to or buy their music is available on their myspace page: www.myspace.com/theacademyis.

Battle of the Playlists! (!!!)

Rollin' Hamilton Style: Rap Playlist

by Melicious '09 & Moonrock '09
Editors of Photography

"They say 'mo' playlists mo' problems' but this week we battlin' so help us topple 'em." (Editor's Note: This is an actual free-style from Moon circa one A.M.) As two white girls, we feel it rests on our shoulders to maintain *The Spec*'s street cred (whatever little it has left). We worked on this playlist all damn night, and we're here to rep The White Girl's Rappers Delight.

1. *Money Ain't A Thang* – Jermaine Dupri & Jay-Z
Though my bank account may disagree, I can think of nothing more pimp than rolling around with the window down singing along to this song about driving a Rolls and eating crab. Frankly, "it's all basic, I been spendin' hundreds since they had small faces." Don't believe me? I don't blame you. However, humor me and listen to this song and see if you feel like an iced out million dollar a day thug, too.

2. *Area Codes* - Ludacris
Coming from a small school with an abundance of sketchy "incestual" hookups and geographic "diversity", we believe every straight up HC pimp can relate to this song. Is it 'cause they like my pink popped collar? Is it 'cause my squash playing makes them hollER?

3. *Damn it feels good to be a Gangster* - Geto boys
We may not have the world hangin' from our nuts, but its cameo in Office Space where a hammer is brutally taken to a fax machine proves its street cred. And now a word from the president: Damn it feels good to be a gangster, trustees appointing me to College Hill. Working on Excelsior all day long, filling it with your tuition dollah billz.

4. *The Seed 2.0* – The Roots
Last time you heard this song you were probably drunk in the ELS Basement. However it's good enough to listen to outside of intoxicated graffiti parties. The Roots give a sick beat coupled with mellow rap that makes for great jammin' with fellow pimps and sweet sweet lovin' with the ladies.. Ya heard?

5. *Bridging the Gap* – Nas
Nas incorporates a harmonica and a blues beat with a sick rap accompaniment. The real kicker is that his dad is singing the chorus. I wish I could say my dad could rap about something other than college tuition, George Bush's poor diplomacy, or what I am going to do for the rest of my life. Thus, if any of you have a dad that can co-create an awesome rap and blues song, you would make it onto this mix, too.

6. *Be Easy* – Ghostface Killah
Ghostface is the best rapper you don't know about. We're suckers for raps about how much of the sh#$ you are, and Ghostface Killah says it best in this song, "I'm in the club with the chipped up wrist (UH), While you're at the bar drinking my piss (UH)." Ha, what? Do you have enough balls to say that? Listen to this track and you just might.

7. *Fire* - Joe Budden Featuring Busta Rhymes
Let me just make this statement loud and clear: Upstate New York is here! I mean… in addition to the great head bumping beat or whatever inexplicable reason I love this song, it was also featured in Mean Girls, so you know its good.

8. *Nosebleed Section* - Hilltop Hoods
What do you get when you mix rap with the down under? The pimped out group known as the Hilltop Hoods of course. With enticing Australian invitations like 'drinking sake with the mafia' it should be obvious why this made the list. It's also the background music for just about every amateur BMX video on YouTube, where we happened to find it.

9. *It Doesn't Matter* - Wyclef Jean featuring The Rock
As soon as the beat of this rather interesting duet starts you can smell what the Rock is cooking up with Wyclef. Enjoy the humor of the "lyrical masturbation," just don't forget that is doesn't matter if The Rock just bought a fresh Bentley, just like it doesn't matter if you just bought a new Vera Bradley bag or Vineyard Vines belt.

10. *Whack Rappers* - Afro Man
Hate a rapper or song we put on our list? Chances are Afro Man hates them too and lyrically humiliates them in this song. Jay Z, Missy Elliot, Mary J Blige, and B2Gay are all called out for busting sh*!#y lyrical crap that's whick whick whack.

In truth, if we were real gangsters we would not be pent up in the Spec office at midnight on a Thursday. Therefore we advise that you listen to these tracks because instead of writing captions we went out to get drunk and f@& b*!@hes like all these songs recommend: *Get 'em High* - Kanye West, *Quality Control* – Jurassic 5, *The final Frontier* – RJD2, *Guns and Cigarettes* – Atmosphere, *Drop It Like It's Hot* - Snoop

(God, I hope they were kidding.)

by Nicole T. Dietsche '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I kind of hope that none of these songwriters were taking themselves too seriously when they wrote these songs. Or that they were taking copious amounts of drugs. One can hope.

1. *Ticks* by Brad Paisley - There's no better way to tell a girl 'I Love You' than letting her know you want to pick parasites off of her. I feel my heart melting already. Listen to this priceless gem on his Myspace page, www.myspace.com/bradpaisley. (trust me, it's worth it). Credit to the Kentucky ASB trip for finding this song which will undoubtedly go down in the Music Hall of Fame.

2. *Who's Got the Crack?* by The Moldy Peaches - All I have to say is, I sure hope THEY had the crack. With unforgettable lyrics like "I am a goat/in a moat/ with a boat/ who's got the crack," one can only hope that they'll share whatever drugs they were taking while writing this song because they were apparently amazing.

3. *Pirates of Dance* by DJ Bobo – Okay, so this band is Swiss. I was hoping to blame the terrifying horror of this song (and accompanying choreographed music video) on poor dubbing. Yeah, no. Their lips move in time with their dance moves. Completely worth watching.

4. *Vampires Are Alive* by DJ Bobo – Because one terrible song wasn't enough, they decided to make another. First of all, vampires are NOT alive. They are undead. Second of all, STOP DANCING! They're music-making license should be revoked. They ripped off of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* moves (really, I promise).

5. *Dick Cheney (Needs More Love)* by The Ginger Ninjas – It's an ode. To Dick Cheney. They'd better not let Cheney near a gun or the Ginger Ninjas might need to make a run for it. Kind of sounds like 311 (remember them?) professing their undying love to Dick Cheney. Not going to lie, I kind of want a "Men Like Dick Cheney Need More Love" pin like they hand out in their music video (http://www.cafepress.com/gingerninjas).

6. *Every Morning* by Sugar Ray – Don't get me wrong, Sugar Ray has some good, straight-up pop. But listen to the lyrics to this song: "Every morning there's a halo hanging from the corner of my girlfriend's four-post bed/ I know it's not mine but I'll see if I can use it for a weekend or a one-night stand/Once again as predicted left my broken heart open/ and you ripped it out." So he's cheating on his girlfriend but she ripped out *his* heart… Hmm.

7. *I'll Be There For You* by the Rembrandts – Again, if you listen to the lyrics, it's really funny, and I don't think they intended it to be that way, it just kind of rhymed. "You're still in bed at ten/ And work began at eight/ You've burned your breakfast/ So far..." Who cooks breakfast if they're two hours late to work? And then there's the line: "Your mother warned you there'd be days like these." Except the first line of the song is: "So no one told you life was gonna be this way." Think on that for a little bit.

8. *Lips of an Angel* by Hinder – I really just don't understand how this song became such a big hit. A short synopsis of the song: He's on the phone with an ex-girlfriend. His current girlfriend is in the next room. He and ex-girlfriend want to be together, but they'd rather just cheat on their new respective others than commit. It may be catchy, but it makes me laugh every time.

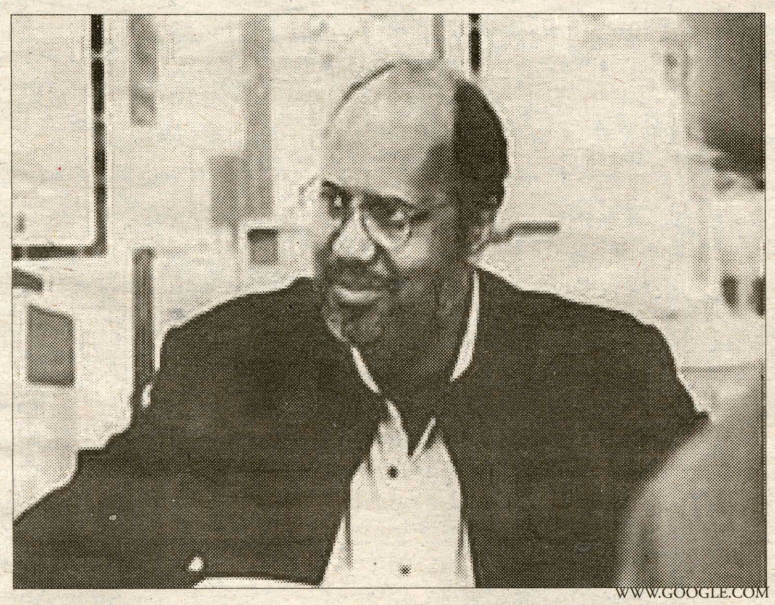
9. *I Like Bananas (Because They Have No Bones)* by The Hoosier Hot Shots – The title pretty much sums up the entire song. I'm not sure I can go into it any more than that.

10. *Honky Tonk Badonkadonk* by Trace Adkins – It's like a rap song, but country, mainly because the entire song is talking about some stripper's butt. Not only does he speak the entire (cheesy) first part, but he also throws in a "money maker!" once, "Shut my mouth, slap your grandma" (I don't know what that's supposed to mean) and even has the line: "Got it going on/ Like Donkey Kong." No offense, but I really don't think Donkey Kong would make a good stripper. Definitely worth listening to just for the end piece. I won't spoil it for you.

St. Clair Bourne to speak in K.J. Auditorium

by Rebekah A. Mintzer '09
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Each semester the F.I.L.M. series brings a number of notable filmmakers and film scholars to Hamilton and hosts a number of film screenings in conjunction. This Sunday, April 1 and Monday April 2, Hamilton is fortunate enough to be hosting St. Clair Bourne, a key player in American film, particularly in the realm of African-American film. He will be screening and discussing his film, *Paul Robeson: Here I Stand* (1999), a documentary about the life of one of the twentieth century's greatest Renaissance men, and *Making Do the Right Thing with Spike Lee* (1989), a look behind the scenes of Lee's famous film.



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St. Claire Bourne is one of the foremost African-American filmmakers today.

St. Clair Bourne, one of F.I.L.M.'s most notable guests this semester, has been making films for over thirty years involving the African Diaspora and people of African descent in the U.S. He decided to become a filmmaker after participating in the black student rights movement of the 60s, and was among the Columbia University students arrested for taking over an administration building in 1968. After being kicked out of school Bourne became a producer for Black Journal, the first television program aimed at the discussion of black affairs in the U.S., for which he was awarded an Emmy.

He has since produced and directed documentaries about many important aspects of African-American life, including *Let the Church Say Amen!* a narrative documentary that garnered awards and screenings, including a showing at the Whitney Museum in New York City. It was the first ever documentary produced by a black man to be screened there. He has also produced documentaries about famous blacks such as *Langston Hughes: The Dreamkeeper* and *In Motion: Amiri Baraka* and is working on regular feature films like *Exiles*, which deals with army deserters in Sweden. Bourne's films have been shown at countless film festivals, and have been the subject of a retrospective at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

Like Bourne himself, the subject of his biographical documentary, Paul Robeson was engaged in both artistic and political arenas. He may be most widely recognized as the talented baritone singing "Ol'Man River" on the movie soundtrack for the musical *Showboat*, but in reality he was far more than that, an artist and athlete who used his talent and position to fight for justice in the world, particularly in a racially segregated United States. Bourne's documentary reveals the truth behind this oft forgotten American hero, who rose from a modest upbringing in Princeton, New Jersey to become one of the greatest actors and singers in the U.S., during a time when blacks were not expected to rise above the lower-caste that American society had relegated them to.

Paul Robeson
HERE I STAND
A documentary by St. Clair Bourne (2 hours)
"THE ARTIST MUST TAKE SIDES. HE MUST ELECT TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM OR SLAVERY. I HAVE MADE MY CHOICE. I HAD NO ALTERNATIVE."
- Paul Robeson

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St. Clair Bourne will screen his documentary about African American Renaissance man Paul Robeson.

A graduate of Rutgers and Columbia Law School, Robeson starred in plays by Eugene O' Neill like "All God's Chillun Got Wings," and played the title role in a production of *Othello*, to this day the longest running Shakespeare play in Broadway history. His outspokenness (he was fluent in fifteen languages and did benefits all over the world for the promotion of civil rights) got him in trouble with Nazis, Stalinists, and the U.S. government itself.

Making Do the Right Thing with Spike Lee examines some of the same racial issues that *Here I Stand* involves. Lee's original film dealt with prejudice, free speech and violence on the mean streets of the Bed-Stuy area of Brooklyn. Many audiences of the film might not realize until seeing Bourne's documentary that Do The Right Thing was filmed on-site and involved not just a cast and production crew, but an entire neighborhood. Bourne's piece is proof that much of art is in the production process- creating a story on film is as significant as watching the final product.

Paul Robeson: Here I Stand will be screened and discussed from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday and *Making Do the Right Thing* will be screened and discussed from 7-9 p.m. on Monday. Both events will take place in K.J. Auditorium.

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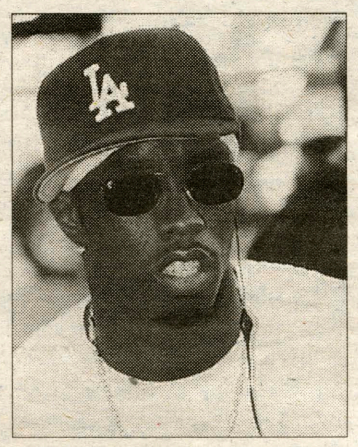

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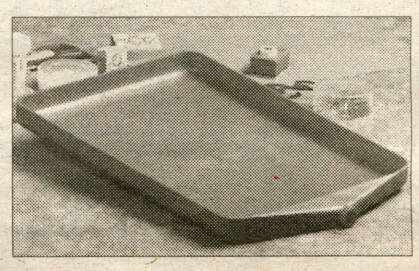

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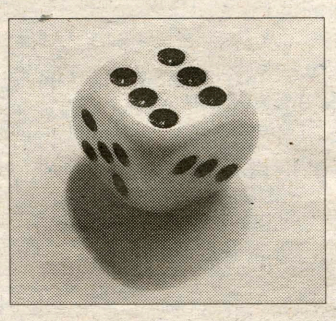

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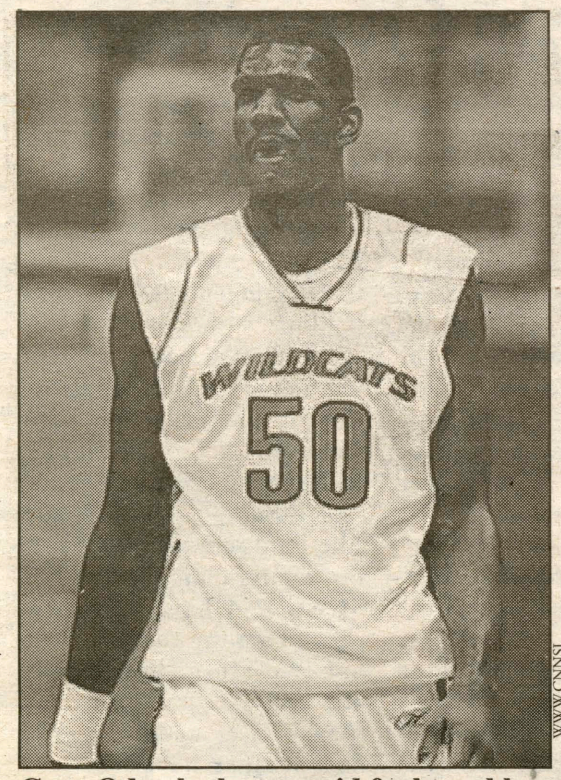
NCAA Basketball: Finally... The Final Four



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Greg Oden looks to avoid foul trouble.

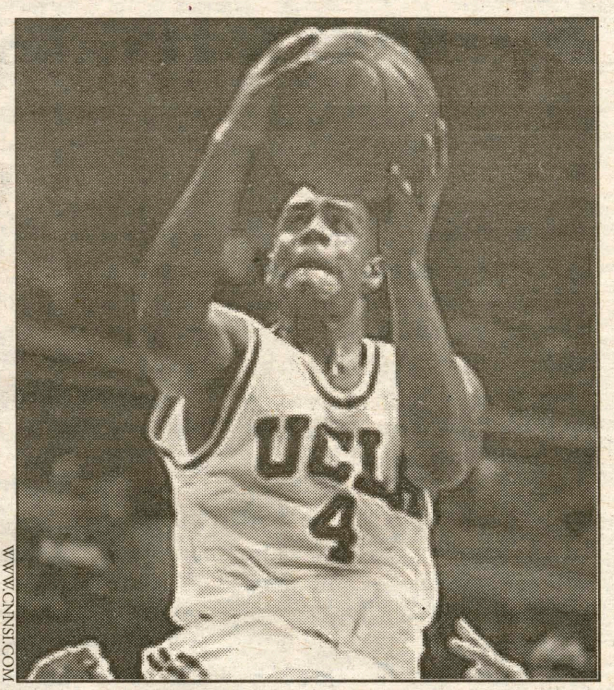
by Sean Hopper '09
Sports Writer

March Madness is nearly over and the Final Four is about to begin. Here is a preview with my picks for winners (although my bracket has already fallen apart thanks to Georgetown). Both games are great match-ups and both have history from last year's tournament (See Championship Game). Can Florida repeat? Will Ohio State's freshmen be enough to win? Hopefully, all of these questions will be answered.

***Game One:** #1 Florida vs. #2 UCLA*: A year ago these two teams battled for the national championship, now they're battling for the right to go to the championship. What's the difference since last year? There isn't much of one. Both teams, especially Florida, kept their starters intact with the exception of Farmar on UCLA. Just because the teams are essentially the same doesn't mean the score will be. Although UCLA lost Farmar, many believe that new PG Collison is an upgrade with his excellent quickness and his keen ability to find the open man. Aaron Afflalo will be counted on to carry UCLA like he did against Kansas in the Elite Eight. Their big man rotation consisting of Mata and two Cameroons will have to stop Florida's powerful inside game; they are an overlooked part of the team that will need to peak in order to beat Florida.

Florida has the same starting lineup that won them the championship last year. This experience will be integral if they hope to win against UCLA. Florida's strength is its front court which is arguably one of the best in the nation. They are big, strong and have first round grades for the NBA. Joakim Noah and Al Horford play touch on both sides of the ball with high intensity. Don't overlook their backcourt with Green and Humphrey. If you double Green, Humphrey is deadly behind the arc and will kill your team with his stroke. I don't believe that having Coach Billy Donovan look at Kentucky will hinder his coaching or his team's play. The game will be different this year but I believe the final outcome will show Florida winning in a closer game that will be a battle of defenses. **Prediction: Florida wins; 64-59.**

***Game Two:** #1 Ohio State vs. #2 Georgetown*: These two teams played each other last year in the tournament resulting in a win for Georgetown that advanced the Hoyas to the Sweet Sixteen. But there's a big difference between last year's Ohio St. and this year's: his name is Greg Oden. No one can forget the outstanding play of PG Mike Conley Jr. thus far this tournament and together they will prove to be difficult match-ups for Georgetown. Oden is being called the next "true" center, being compared to the likes of Shaq and Patrick Ewing, and is likely to ascend to their level of play soon. Conley is almost too quick to guard and loves to kick it out to sweet shooters Ron Lewis and Ivan Harris. Lewis is a player that is often overlooked because of youngsters Oden and Conley, but he has been their Mr. Clutch this season, especially in the tournament. Ohio St. has young talent across the board and their only crutch might be their inexperience.



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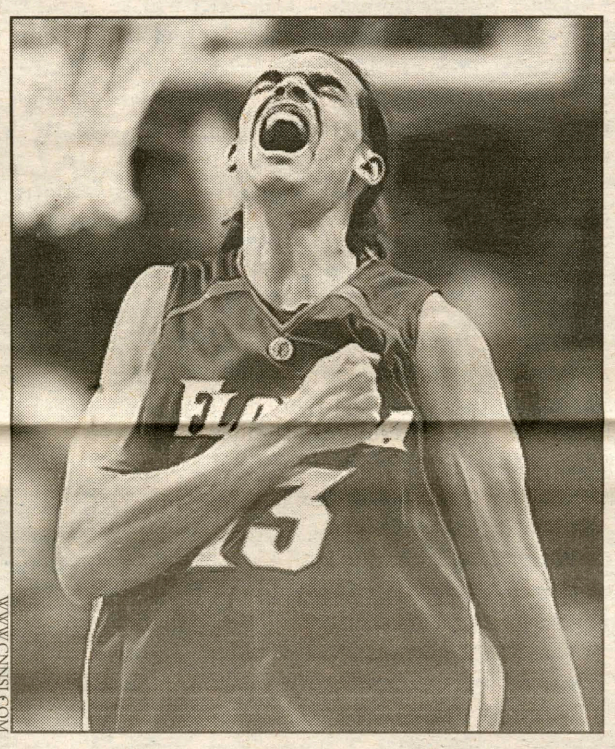
Aaron Afflalo looks for a second chance.



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Joakim Noah wants to repeat his 2006 success.

Georgetown is led by future lottery pick Jeff Green and big man Roy Hibbert. John Thompson III knows how to lead his team and make them play efficiently especially on offense where they're great both inside and out. I think that Wallace will have a tough time keeping up with Conley but will make up for it with his impressive three point shooting. I also believe that Hibbert vs. Oden will be a great match-up of big men. Hibbert will play good defense but I think his points may go down playing against Oden. The key lies with Green since I'm not sure who will be able to stay with him on defense. Similar to Afflalo for UCLA, Green will need to have a good game to carry Georgetown to victory. In the end I think that Ohio St. will pull out a tough game, although I was wrong about Georgetown with UNC. This game will also be close. **Prediction: Ohio St. wins; 73-66.**

Softball Off to Rough Start, Looks to Amherst

PHOTO BY JOHN HUBBARD

O'Connor hopes to duplicate last season's success in 2007.

by Kate Greenough '09
Sports Writer

While the fields thawed out over break, the Hamilton Women's Softball Team warmed up for their spring season in a Florida tournament. After four disheartening losses at the Osceola County Softball Complex in Kissimme, the team is training hard for the regular season, in which they will face a lineup of a number of worthy opponents.

With only two juniors and one senior member on the squad, the Continentals turn to first and second year students to give the roster the depth and skill that will be needed for future victories. Six freshmen join the 2007 team, and several have shown that they will hold their own against the tough NESCAC competition. Infielder Sarah Wichter '10, pitcher Erin Hoener '10 and outfielder Liz Harrington '10 had promising performances in the preseason tourney and should contribute significantly to future victories.

In past seasons, veteran members Jane Minehan '07, Jen Sadowsky '08, Megan Coughlin '09, Kate Riester '09 and Amber O'Connor '09 have carried the team and put the majority of runs on the scoreboard. Minehan and O'Connor lead the team as co-captains this spring.

O'Connor, a catcher and third baseman for the team, earned second team All-NESCAC honors last year and topped the lists for most offensive categories. She accumulated 70 total bases in the 2006 season, not to mention a third place finish in the NESCAC with a batting average of .404. She also led the squad with 21 runs, 22 runs batted in and five home runs. O'Connor has also earned two varsity letters as a member of the Hamilton Volleyball Team.

Sadowsky, at first base, was a consistent hitter for the Continentals and racked up hits against Allegheny and Illinois Wesleyan during the preseason tournament. Kate Riester made a name for herself as a hard hitter in the 2006 season. Yet, the batting lineup certainly needs support and work, according to Sadowsky. "We're working on hitting a lot now because the team as a whole didn't hit well in Florida," she states. "We have a ton of potential but we're a young team and we need to bring everything together in order to be successful."

Success is what the Continentals are shooting for this spring—in the history of the softball program the team has yet to enter postseason games. The women ended last year's spring season with an overall 5-25 record, upon which they look to improve greatly. The women face a lineup of NESCAC and Liberty League teams, all of which are stacked with older, more experienced members. "Williams is probably our toughest competition this year," claims Minehan. "They have always been really strong in the NESCAC League." The Ephs are known for their tight defense, led by NCAA All-New England Regional team member, junior Margaret Ryan.

With high hopes and untapped talent, the team is swinging for the fences this season. The regular season kicks off against the Lord Jeffs at Amherst College on March 30 and 31, followed by the team's first home match-up against Rensselaer on April 3.

Women's Tennis Benefits from Bonding Over Break

by Maura Donovan '09
Sports Writer

The Women's Tennis Team spent spring break in sunny Florida. Although the sun was shining, the girls worked on much more than their tans. They practiced every day to improve their shots and serves, and to prepare for anything else the competition might bring this season. The spring will be challenging, but the team is ready to step up and show how hard they work.

Hamilton was lucky to have great weather throughout their training trip; only their last game, against the University of Puerto Rico, got rained out in the middle of doubles. The week was also a great opportunity for the team to bond and understand each other better, both on and off the courts. Captain Brittany Horn '07 is optimistic about the spring season because "everyone is getting along great and working really well together." She notes how important this closeness is for a team because "the closer we are as a team, the better we are on the court both by cheering each other on, being supportive and knowing each others' strengths and weaknesses."

Since the team has a much younger base this spring and is without junior standouts, who are abroad, this closeness will be essential to Continental success.

While in Florida, the team got to show off their improved skills with a lineup of four scheduled matches. Starting off on a great foot on March 12, the Continentals were victorious over Simpson College, 8-1. The Continentals faced this Division III team from Iowa with a great deal of confidence. Standouts Laura Brantley '10 and Emily Poe '10 led the team with wins at the competitive one and two single slots, respectively. Horn fought hard at the third slot, but was just barely outdone by her opponent (5-7, 6-7). Sophomores all stepped up to round out the rest of the singles matches; each came out victorious for the Continentals. Ashley Pardoe '09 did not let a second set loss get to her; she kept up her endurance and determination to come back in the third for the win at the fourth slot (6-2, 4-6, 6-3). Julia Houlden '09 easily snatched the fifth singles spot for the team (6-2, 6-0). Elizabeth Goheen '09 also had a shutout in her second set, breezing past Simpson's sixth singles opponent (6-1, 6-0).

Doubles were just as strong: Hamilton swept all three competitions. Brantley and Poe teamed up for the first position, overcoming the other pair 8-4. Next Goheen and Pardoe kept up the pace with a win in the second doubles match, 8-2. Finally, Elizabeth McDonald '09 and Mary Wilder '10 teamed up to defeat Simpson's final players 8-6.

The next morning, the Continentals got up bright and early to face a tough match. In Orlando, Division II opponent Wayne State University swept all nine matches. Even though the competition was stiff, all of the women played well and kept up with the team, which hails from Michigan. Horn commended Goheen on an exceptional match, saying "she really stepped up and played great, even though she hadn't played singles before." Goheen fought hard at the number five slot, but lost in the tie breaker (6-2, 5-7, 10-5).

Next up for Hamilton on March 14 was Saint Mary's College, a Division III school from Indiana. The team played well and had close matches but still fell short by three games. Brantley played especially well as the number one singles player, battling with her opponent into a third set and finally taking the win (4-6, 6-2, 10-7). Brantley was the only Continental to take a singles victory. She then paired again with Poe to win at number one doubles (8-6). Even though Goheen and Pardoe fell at the second doubles position, McDonald and Wilder fought past their opponents for the win at the third slot (9-7).

The team is already gearing up for big competition this weekend. The Continentals host Middlebury College this Sunday for an April Fools Day matchup. The Panthers are one of the top tennis teams in the NESCAC and have also been ranked among the top in the nation. Horn, however, is still confident: "Our team plays better under pressure and against better teams." She also believes it should be a fun meet to watch, considering the talent that will be playing. Everyone should get out and cheer on the team to show support! The match will start this Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Gray Tennis Courts.

Baseball Finishes Week 4-5; Faces Utica Next Week

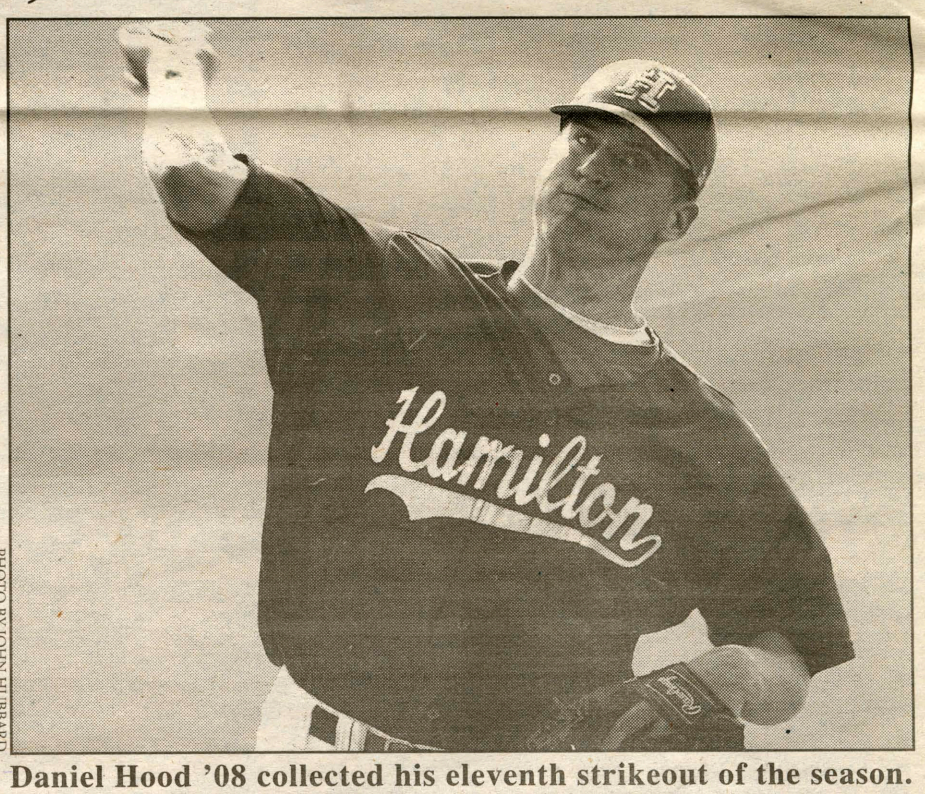
by Tom Gillespie '09
Sports Writer

The Hamilton College Men's Baseball Team made a big statement during their spring break trip to Florida. Pat McGarry '07 said "We wanted to really get out there with a flash and show everybody that we would not be pushed around. We wanted to make a statement." The team's trip to Florida was an eye opener for their competition this season. The team swept Bates College in a two game series and went one for one with Bowdoin early in the same week. Unfortunately, the team could not pull out wins in either of their games against Trinity.

The trip to Florida was more then just a spring break; it was an opportunity for the team to bond. The players agreed that during the break they became a cohesive unit. Cohesion was certainly present in the team's play in Florida. McGarry had nine hits in Florida, allowing him to break the school record for most hits in a college career. John Porges '07 said, "Pat has a really fantastic eye for the ball; we have been so lucky as a team to have him."

The team has a 4-5 record as the regular season continues. The team will play against Utica College in the historic "Jackie Robinson game." Utica College has won several of their past match-ups, but the past has not dashed Hamilton's hopes for the future. McGarry said, "The whole team is really excited for the Jackie Robinson game. It really is my favorite game of the year. We would really love to see our fans out at the this game." The game will be played at Utica on April 4 at 4:00 p.m.

After facing Utica, the team gears up to face league and division rival Amherst on April 6 and 7. On April 11 the team will square off against SUNY IT in a classic showdown of Central New York rivals.



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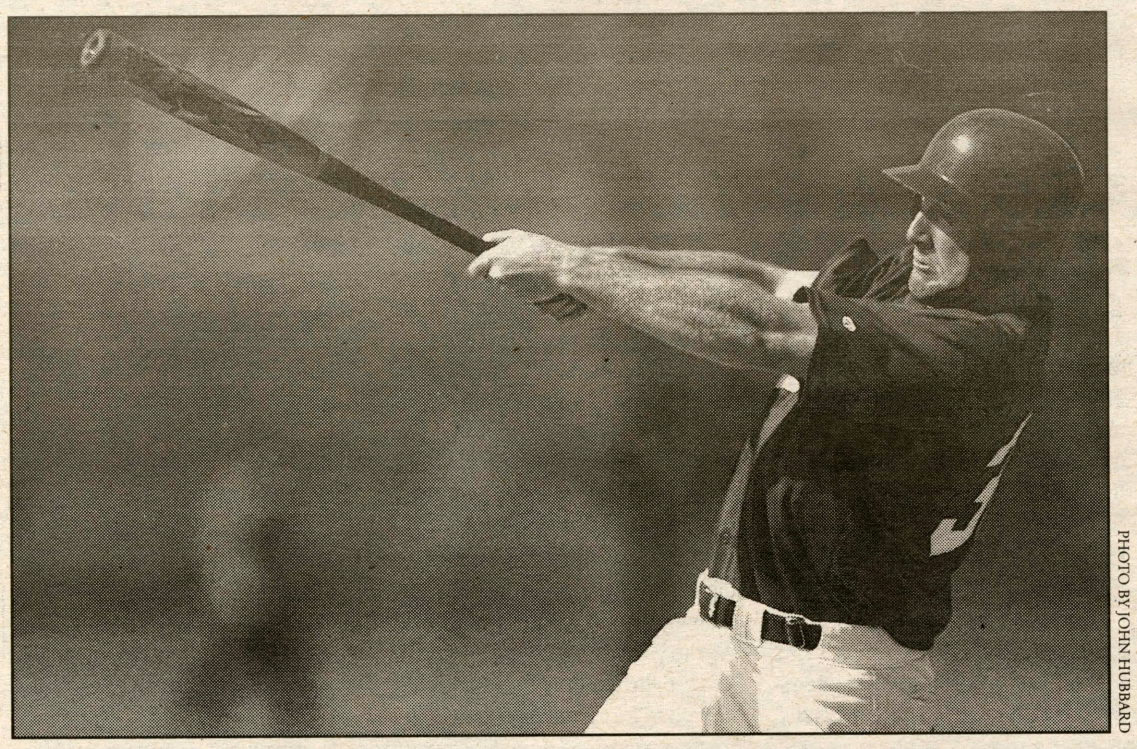
Daniel Hood '08 collected his eleventh strikeout of the season.



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Pat McGarry '07 broke the Hamilton College record for most career hits.

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Who's Hot in Hamilton Athletics?

- Mike Daley '07 -

Daley scored a career-high four goals, in Hamilton's loss to #8 Ithaca College. Daley has seven goals so far this year and 28 in his career at Hamilton.

- Nicole Tetreault '08 -

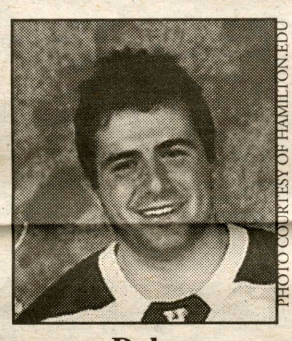
Tetreault tied a career high with five goals in a come-from-behind win (12-10) against SUNY Cortland. Tetreault leads the Continentals with 11 goals so far this season.

- Bryden Considine '08 -

Considine was selected as the Division III New England Region's Pitcher of the Week by the ECAC.

- Kalley Greer '07 -

Greer was named co-Defensive Performer of the Week by the Liberty League. Greer had nine saves in the team's win versus SUNY Cortland.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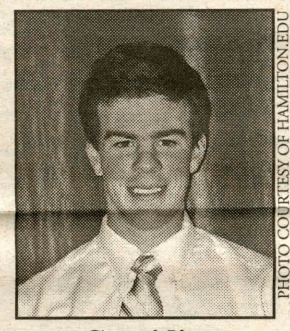
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Men's Lacrosse (2-4) Hosts Skidmore Saturday

by Ezra Rosenberg '10
Sports Writer

The Continentals opened up their season with a 2-4 record against a host of difficult opponents. The team went 1-2 on their spring break trip and has played four ranked opponents thus far.

Hamilton won their first game in dominating fashion against the University of New England 23-3 in Coco Beach Florida. The team maintained possession for the majority of the game by winning 23 of 25 face-offs. The defense also had a strong performance, notably shutting New England out for the entire second half.

The next two opponents on the spring break trip were #3 Wesleyan University and #8 Stevens Tech (rankings by USILA). Wesleyan justified their ranking by mounting a 6-1 lead in the first quarter. "We had a rough start down five goals, but it was a good learning experience," commented co-Captain Clark Winter '07 in retrospect. Hamilton won the face-off battle again and settled down for the remainder of the game, but they were not able to finish opportunities to draw closer. The final score was 11-2.

Against Stevens Tech, Hamilton came out more confident and had a 4-3 lead with 1:07 left in the second quarter. Stevens Tech came up with two quick goals to head into half time with a one-goal lead. They built on this lead in the second half and held on to win 13-7. For Hamilton, the Stevens Tech game was an improvement: the offense was able to come alive and the team showed some intensity. Also, possession time went up for Hamilton because they were more patient in taking shots.

Back in New York at Utica College, The Continentals came away with a 9-8 win after opening up the first half 4-1. In the second half they mounted another lead that they were able to hold onto. Frasher Kemp '08 led the team with three goals while Winter netted two goals and led the team with two assists.

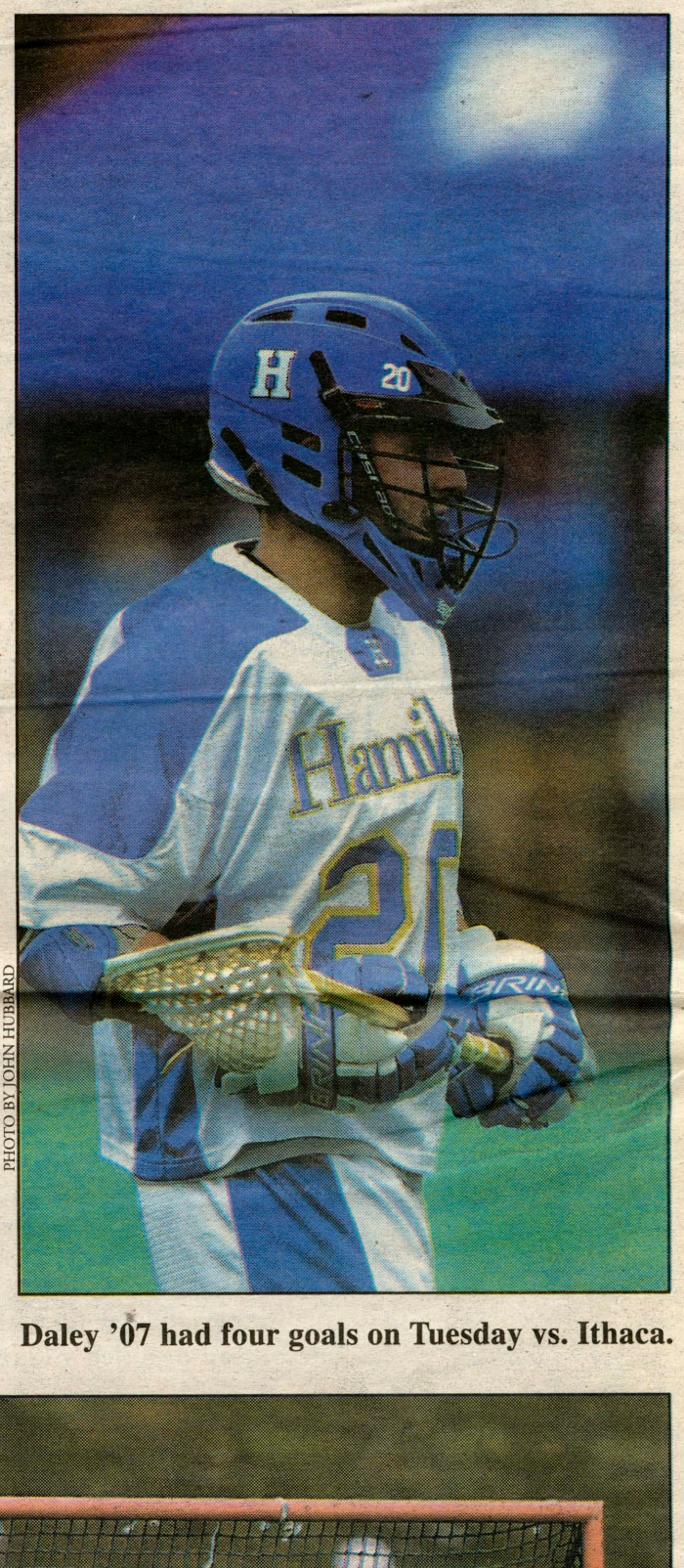
Hamilton played host to #6 Nazareth College in their final game before concluding spring break play. The Golden Flyers notably have 2005 Division III Player of the Year Ryan Hotaling on their roster. Hamilton held Hotaling to merely one goal but found themselves behind 10-3 at the end of the third quarter. Their three fourth quarter goals were too little too late. Hamilton statistically performed up to par with their ranked opponent, falling only one overall shot behind (35-36) and five ground balls behind (41-46).

On March 27 Hamilton faced a fourth ranked opponent, #8 Ithaca College. Hamilton kept it close up until the half, but could not hold their opponent down enough defensively to mount an offensive comeback. Ithaca exploded out in the second half with a 6-1 run en route to a 15-8 final. Co-Captain and midfielder Mike Daley '07 contributed a career high four goals.

Throughout the first six games of the 15-game regular season, the team has gained strength in some areas, but still has work to do. The exceptionally high level of competition they have faced thus far can only help the team's chances heading into Liberty League competition. The team's intensity level has been raised significantly, while at the same time players have elevated their individual mental toughness. This upswing in energy most likely results from facing high-caliber opponents that force the Continentals to step up their game.

Head Coach Scott Barnard expresses the need for the Men's Lacrosse team as a whole to cut down on unforced errors and finish their opportunities. Winter reiterated these weaknesses, saying that the team, "needs to work on fundamentals, moving to the ball, catching, and finishing shots." The team has worked on getting good looks and is getting them, they just need to finish them.

Tomorrow the Continentals open up their Liberty League crusade against Skidmore College. Barnard said the team needs to, "play our game, play focused for four quarters, and cut down on mistakes." Look for the team to continue to improve on the areas where they need work, be motivated to play strong throughout the entire game, and come out with a win in their conference opener. Hamilton faces Skidmore on Saturday at 12 p.m. on the Campus Road Athletic Field.



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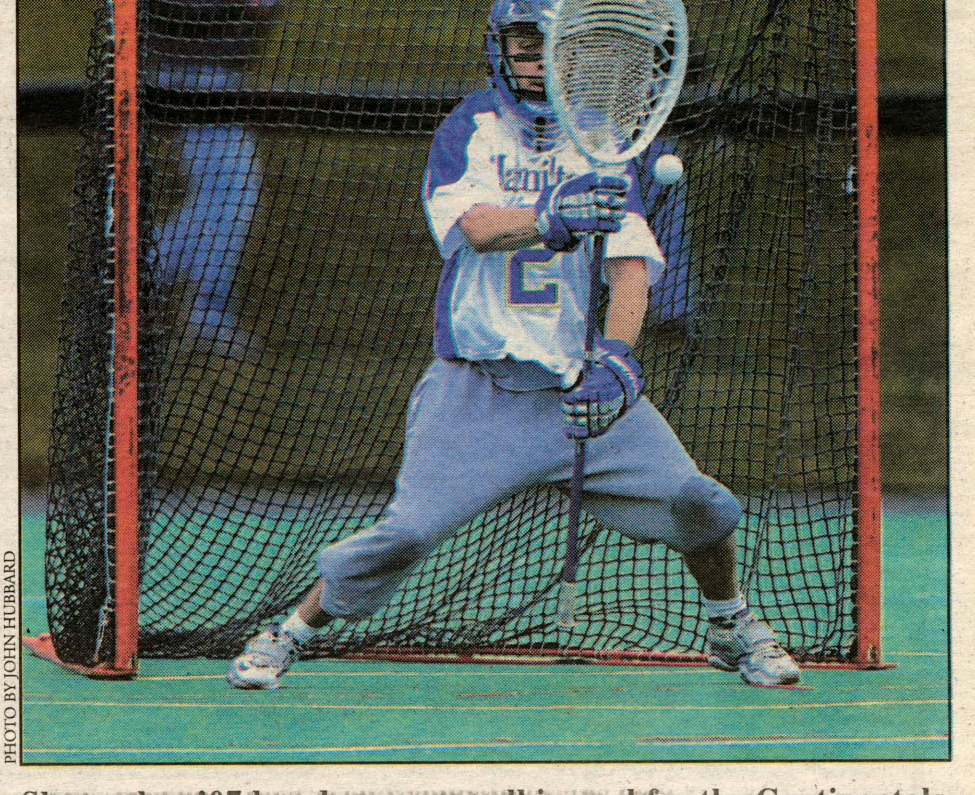
Daley '07 had four goals on Tuesday vs. Ithaca.



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Shoemaker '07 has done very well in goal for the Continentals.

This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

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Lacrosse (W) v. Clarkson
Softball @ Amherst

Saturday 3/31:
Crew (W) @ Colgate
Track & Field (M) @ Ithaca Invite
Track & Field (W) @ Ithaca Invite
Tennis (M) v. Connecticut College
Lacrosse (M) v. Skidmore
Softball @ Amherst
Lacrosse (W) v. St. Lawrence

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